

Twenty-Four Robbers *in NEDM's "I'm Growing Up" collection*

Not last night but the night before
Twenty four robbers came a-knocking at my door.
I asked them what they wanted and this is what they said,
“H-O-T Hot peppers!”
I gave them my peppers and then they rode away
And twenty four robbers came back the next day.

Not this day but the day before
Twenty four robbers came a-knocking at my door.
I asked them what they wanted and this is what they said,
“H-O-T Hot peppers!”
I didn't have peppers but I had a cob of corn
And twenty four robbers said, “See you in the morn.”

Not this morn but the morn before
Twenty four robbers came a-knocking at my door.
I asked them what they wanted and this is what they said,
“C-O-R-N Corn!”
I didn't have corn but I had a sack of flour
And twenty four robbers said, “See you in an hour.”

Not this hour but the hour before
Twenty four robbers came a-knocking at my door.
I opened up my door, I saw they had a pot,
And twenty four robbers said, “We like you a lot.”
“You gave us your peppers, you gave us your corn,
You gave us your flour, early in the morn.”
Now here's what they did, and this is all true,
They gave me a pot of hot pepper stew: “H-O-T HOT PEPPERS!”