

The Weavers (Les Tisserands)

Words & tune Traditional French, **translated by** Geoffrey Brace,
arranged by Rob Bartholomew

1. Those weaving men are worse than any bishop fine.
On Monday morn they stay in bed till dinner time.

Refrain (after each verse)

*And tick and tack and tick and tack,
the shuttles go and then come back,
but goodness how those weavers slack.
Just give us one more hour and then perhaps we'll come.*

2. On Monday morn, they stay in bed till dinnertime,
On Tuesday, they just laugh and eat and drink their wine.
3. On Tuesday, they just laugh and eat and drink their wine.
On Wednesday, they decide they'll start to work at nine.
4. On Wednesday, they decide they'll start to work at nine.
On Thursday with their mistresses they spend their time.
5. On Thursday with their mistresses they spend their time.
On Friday they say, "Listlessness is not a crime."
6. On Friday they say, "Listlessness is not a crime."
On Saturday, it's too late to do the job in time.
7. On Saturday, it's too late to do the job in time.
When Sunday comes they find they haven't earned a dime.