1 If you go out riding, džanum,*
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   take a patch kit with you, džanum,
   take a patch kit with you.
   You may find if you ride over broken glass (ii!) [Eng. pron.: ēē!]
   (Your) tires deflate and you end up with a flat. (ii!)  

2 Don’t despair, you can repair it, džanum,
   it’s easy to take care of it,
   find the leak with the water technique and if
   you’ve no water use your spit.
   Slip your tire irons over the rim and under the bead (ii!
   near the spot where the bubbles pointed to a leak. (ii!)
   *džanum—my friend, my dear

3 Loosen just enough of the tire, džanum,
   to expose the punctured tube,
   pump it up just enough to find, džanum,
   the spot where the glass went through.
   Remove the offending, flat-causing broken glass (ii!) 
   use sandpaper to rough up the area to patch. (ii!)

4 You’re halfway through, now just apply the glue (no sniffing),
   when it’s tacky apply the patch,
   the tube on in the tire and the bead on the rim (be careful),
   with the irons slip ‘em back.
   There’s only one simple thing that’s left to do (iii!),
   (in)flate the tire to the proper pressure and you’re through (iii!)
   You’re back in the saddle, riding all around the town (iii!),
   riding on your bicycle from sunup to sundown (iii!!)

I first hear Brenna MacCrimmon and the Toronto Bicycle Choir discuss and sing this just before CBC’s 6:00 news last week and asked Brenna to share it with CSMT/SCMT Bulletin readers. Brenna is very active in Balkan and Turkish folklore, most recently as the founder/soloist of the Altin Yildiz Gypsy Orkestar.

—Judith Cohen