

GARLAND VI

Mula - Pasha pens a letter.
Hey, hey, hey! (refrain)
Mula - Pasha of Vidin
Sends the letter to Negotin,
To Negotin, to Haiduk-Veljko,
"Did you hear me, o Haiduk-Veljko,
You're to give me Negotin,
Negotin in the Krajina!
If you refuse,
Rally all your camps,
Your camps and your cannon -
For a mighty host is nearing,
A mighty host with three pashas."
Haiduk Veljko answers thus:
"I also have a mighty host,
A mighty host from three counties.
My head I'll give, Krajina not!"
An almond-tree has grown
Tall and thin,
Under it sits Haiduk Veljko,
with him a maiden fair.

Haiduk Veljko about his army paces,
And calls out to Vasa Carapic.
When the Serbs took over Belgrade,
The Lady Emina they captured.
It was Haiduk Veljko who
Seized the hapless woman.
Ailing lies, the Kara-Mustafa,
Sick he lies, he's going to die,
Oh, the brave Kara-Mustafa. (refrain)
"Who's to gird, o Pasha, your sharp sword?"
"Let that Hajduk Veljko gird it,
For he's a better warrior than I!"
"Who's to have your true love, o?"
"Let that Hajduk Veljko have her,
He's a better warrior than I!"