

Bowling Green

way down yonder in Bowling Green
Bullfrog sewing on a sewing machine (3x)
way down yonder in yankitty yank
Bullfrog jumped from bank to bank
skinned his navel from flank to flank (2x)

Devillish Mary

when I was a little bitty boy
swore I never would marry
but I fell in love with a pretty little girl
and her name was Devillish Mary
Lawd, lawd, trouble all I seen
we hadn't been married about 6 weeks
she got as ill as the devil
she punched my eye with a poking stick
bust my head with a shovel
if in this world I ever do marry
it'll be for love nor riches
it'll be a little girl about 2 feet high
she'll never wear my britches

Lazy John

I got a gal, she lives by the road
Her eyes is crooked and her legs are bowe
But she sure is a lot of fun
why don't you go away lazy John
ch: Lazy John Lazy John
why don't you get your days work all done
I'm in the shade, you're in the sun
why don't you go away Lazy John
I'm gonna dance Saturday night
we're gonna dance till broad daylight
Then I'll take my sweetie back home
why don't you go away Lazy John

Sally Ann

I'm going home with Sally Ann
Shake that wooden leg Sally Ann
Sal's got a meatskin hid away
Grease that wooden leg twice a day

polecat den

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DOWN THE ROAD

Down the road, down the road
I've got a pretty girl down the road
Down the road a mile or two
I've got a pretty girl, Cora Lou

Down the road, come to a turn
Rocks in the road as big as a churn
Down the road, down the road
I've got a pretty girl down the road

Down the road, down the road
I've got a pretty girl down the road
Hair is black, her eyes are brown
Prettiest thing all in this town

SOURWOOD MOUNTAIN

Chickens are a-crowin' on Sourwood Mountain
Hey ho diddle um day
So many pretty girls, you can't count 'em
Hey ho diddle um day

I got a gal, lives up the holler
Hey ho...
She won't come and I won't follow

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Ground Hog

Shoulder up a gun and whistle up your dog
Shoulder up a gun and whistle up your dog
Off to the wildwood to catch groundhog

Ground Hog

Tree'd ^{'em} in the woodpile, tree'd 'em in a log
Tree'd 'em in the woodpile, tree'd 'em in a log
Good golly look, what a big groundhog

Ground hog

Yonder comes Sally with a snicker and a grin
Yonder comes Sally with a snicker and a grin
Groundhog grease all over her chin

Ground hog

Little piece of cornbread layin' on the shelf
Little piece of cornbread layin' on the shelf
Want anymore, you can sing it yourself

Ground hog

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e EABD sugarbabe

Doney where you been so long f# DF#AD
 Ola Belle Reed
 Oh my Doney where you been so long
 Doney where you been so long
 Been in the bed, I covered up my head
 darling, that's where I been so long

Little birdie won't you fly away home
 Birdie won't you fly away
 Fly away, come back another day
 Birdie won't you fly away home
 Tell me why does a tall pine, pine
 why does a tall pine pine
 Pining for her own true love
 Just like I pine for mine

which way does the red river run
 which way does the red river run
 It runs straight from my back door
 down toward the rising sun

muskrat

Jaybird jaybird
 what makes you fly so high?
 Been eating these acorns all my life
 wonder I won't die (2x)

Rattlesnake rattlesnake
 what makes your teeth so white?
 Been livin' in the bottom all my life
 Ain't done nothing but bite (2x)

Muskrat muskrat
 what makes you smell so bad?
 Been living in the water all my life
 And I mortified my head (2x)

The Rolling mill is Burning Down f# DEAD

Oh, the rolling mill is burning down, plumb down clyde Davenport
 Oh, the rolling mill is burning down George Landers
 Oh, the rolling mill is burning down, plumb down, to the ground
 and I'll never see it anymore

Oh darling, oh darling I'm here
 For I don't want to hear you cry
 Oh the best of friends will fall out and fight
 So why not you and I

pain in my finger I know
 There's a pain in my toe
 There's a pain in my true love's side
 where somebody has fooled her I know

