Am G E Am

Under G Am

Well, Johnny be fair and Johnny be fine and wants me for to wed

G E

And I would marry Johnny, but my father up and said

Am G E

I'm sad to tell you daughter what your mother never knew

Am G E Am

Johnny is a son of mine and so he's kin to you

Am . . . / G . . . / E . . . / Am (Twice between each verse)

Well, Jimmy be fair and Jimmy be fine and wants me for to wed, And I would marry Jimmy, but my father up and said I'm sad to tell you daughter what your mother never knew But Jimmy, too, is a son of mine and so he's kin to you

Well, Billy be fair and Billy be fine and wants me for to wed, And I would marry Billy, but my father up and said I'm sad to tell you daughter what your mother never knew But Billy, too, is a son of mine and so he's kin to you.

You've never seen a girl so sad and sorry as I was, The boys in town are all my kin and my father is the cause If life should thus continue I shall die a single miss So I'll go to mother and complain to her of this.

Oh daughter, haven't I taught you to forgive and to forget Even if your father's sowing his oats, still you needn't fret Your father may be father to all the boys in town, still He's not the one who sired you, so marry whom you will.