

OH, DEAR! WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE? (ENGLISH NURSERY RHYME, 1700's)

Chorus:

C

G7

Oh, dear! What can the matter be? Dear, dear! What can the matter be?

C

Dm

G7

C

Oh, dear! What can the matter be? Johnny's so long at the fair.

Verses:

C

He promised he'd buy me a gift that would please me,

G7

And then for a kiss, oh, he vowed he would tease me;

C

G7

C

He promised he'd buy me a bunch of blue ribbons, to tie up my bonnie brown hair.

He promised he'd bring me a basket of posies, a garland of lilies, a garland of roses,
A little straw hat to set off the blue ribbons, that tie up my bonnie brown hair.

Oh Susanna (American Traditional)

D

A7

I come from Alabama with a banjo on my knee,

D

A7 D

I'm going to Lou'siana, my true love for to see,

D

A7

It rained all night the day I left, the weather it was dry,

D

A7

D

The sun so hot, I froze to death, Susanna don't you cry.

Chorus:

G

D

A7 D

A7 D

Oh Susanna, oh don't you cry for me, I come from Alabama with a banjo on my knee.

I had a dream the other night, when everything was still,
I dreamed I saw Susanna a coming-down the hill.

(chorus)

A red, red rose was in her cheek, a tear was in her eye
I said to her Susanna girl, Susanna don't you cry.

(chorus)