

# Love Somebody

Informant/Performer:  
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Source:  
*Children's Songs and Games*  
*from the Southern Mountains*  
Smithsonian Folkways FC 7054, 1957



1. Love some - bod - y, yes I do, Love some - bod - y, yes I do,  
Love some - bod - y, yes I do, Love some - bod - y and may - be you.

2. Twice sixteen's thirty-two, (3x)  
Sally, won't you have me? Do, gal, do!

Additional verses and background information from *Jean Ritchie at Home*, Pacific Cascade Records LPL 7026

3. Dance all night and fiddle all day, (3x)  
That's the soldier's joy, they say.
4. Sun comes up and the moon goes down, (3x)  
See my little Sally in her morning gown.
5. If somebody comes and finds me gone, (3x)  
They better leave my girl alone.

## Background Information

This old fiddle tune, "Soldier's Joy," was a good fiddle-learning piece, and was so popular that it was played by every fiddler up and down the mountain hollers (hollows).

Whenever a tune is played that much, it was sure to get some words tacked onto it sooner or later, usually by someone who couldn't fiddle and wanted to do something with the tune besides just humming or la-la-la-ing. So, he made up the, "Love somebody, yes I do," verse; then maybe someone else added the, "Twice sixteen's thirty-two," lines.

The other verses are mine, because I can't fiddle either.