

# Do, Do, Pity My Case

Source:

William Wells Newell

*Games and Songs of American Children*, 1883

Moderately fast

$\text{♩} = 88$

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The tempo is 'Moderately fast' with a quarter note equal to 88 beats per minute. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Do, do, pi - ty my case, In some la - dy's gar - den,

My clothes to wash when I get home, — In some la - dy's gar - den.  
(iron)

## Background Information

"This pretty dance, with its idiomatic English, which comes to us from the extreme South, is obviously not modern. The chorus refers, not to the place of the labor, but to the locality of the dance: it may have been originally 'in my lady's garden.' "