

The Mockingbird #3

Informant/Performer:
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Source:
Cecil J. Sharp
*English Folk Songs from
the Southern Appalachians*
Maud Karpeles, ed.
London: Oxford Univ. Press, 1932

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'Hush up ba - by, Don't say a word,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'Pa - pa's gon - na buy you a mock - ing bird.'.

Hush up ba - by, Don't say a word,

Pa - pa's gon - na buy you a mock - ing bird.

2. If it can't whistle,
And it can't sing,
Papa's going to buy you
A diamond ring.
3. If that diamond ring
Turns to brass,
Papa's going to buy you
A looking-glass.
4. If that looking-glass
Gets broke,
Papa's going to buy you
A Billy-goat.
5. If that Billy-goat
Runs away,
Papa's going to buy you
Another to-day.