

Halsey, Halsey

Informant/Performer:
Frank Proffitt
Reese, NC, 1962

Source:
Frank Proffitt
Folk-Legacy Records
FSA-1

Hal - sey, Hal - sey, Hal - sey, Hal - sey,

Oh, Bob - by Hal - sey, Hal - sey, hal - sey,

Oh, Bob - by Hal - sey, Hal - sey, Hal - sey, Hey!

Transcribed by Cynthia Stuck

With fiddle and guitar accompaniment

2. Chinquapin a-huntin', huntin', huntin',
Chinquapin a-huntin', huntin', huntin',
Chinquapin a-huntin', huntin', huntin',
Hey!

Background Information

"Some extremely charming and ear-catching songs defy rational explanation. We will probably never know just who Bobby Halsey was, nor why he went chinquapin hunting, if indeed that is what he did. (The chinquapin tree grows wild in many parts of the South, and yields a small nut that is an important source of food for small game animals and other wildlife.) There is no available information about the performer or the tune. Perhaps "Bobby Halsey" is a fragment of an older hunting song. In any event, its words and tune have the simplicity and lilt of a knee-bouncing song for a young child. To older children its just plain funny."

Kate Rinzler