

Lady's in the Dining Room

Informant/Performer:

Eight girls

Kirby Industrial School, Atmore, AL, 1934

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The musical notation is written on two staves in 2/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

La - dy's in the di - ning room, Sit - tin' by the fire;—

Her— foot slipped and she fell down, Raise— your foot a lit - tle high - er.

(Melody is in lower voice)

2. Choose the one the ring go round,
Choose the one with the money;
Choose the one with the coal-black eyes,
Kiss your darlin' honey.

Game Directions

The players join hands in a ring and skip about, while the player in the center acts out the words-squatting, falling, rising, choosing and kissing a partner. The game is repeated, with the one chosen taking the center, while the other joins the ring.