

# Bought Me a Cat #1

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♩ = 112

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 112. The lyrics are: 'Bought me a cat, the cat pleased me, Fed my cat un - der yon - der tree. Cat went fid - dle - i - fee, fid - dle - i - fee. [inserts here] The Goose went qua Hen went chip - sy - chop - sy'. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The last line of the score shows a change to 3/4 time for the final phrase.

Bought me a cat, the cat pleased me,  
Fed my cat un - der yon - der tree.  
Cat went fid - dle - i - fee, fid - dle - i - fee. [inserts here]  
The Goose went qua Hen went chip - sy - chop - sy

2. Bought me a hen, the hen pleased me, fed my hen under yonder tree.  
Hen went chipsy-chopsy, cat went fiddle-i-fee, fiddle-i-fee.
3. Bought me a duck..duck went slishy-sloshy,  
Hen went chipsy-chopsy, cat went fiddle-i-fee, fiddle-i-fee.
4. Bought me a goose...Goose went quaa, the duck went slishy-sloshy, etc.
5. Bought me a dog...Dog went boo, etc.
6. Bought me a sheep...Sheep went baa, etc.
7. Bought me a cow...Cow went moo, etc.
8. Bought me a horse...Horse went neigh, etc.
9. Bought me a baby...Baby went mammy mammy, etc.
10. Bought me a woman...Woman went honey honey, etc.

[Cumulative song: after each verse, the refrains of each verse are repeated in backwards order.]