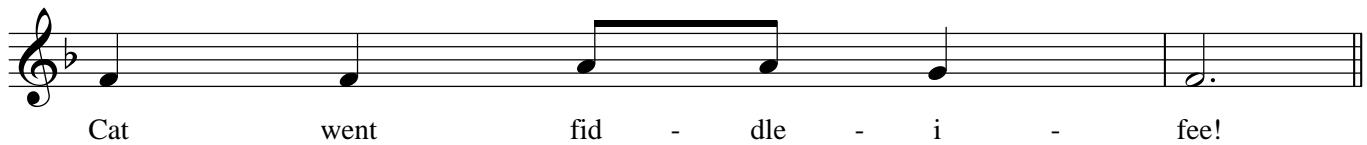
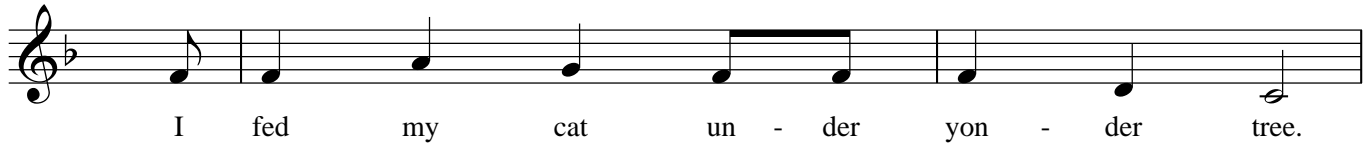


Bought Me a Cat #2

Informant/Performer:
R.M. Ward
Beech Mountain, NC

Source:
Richard Chase
American Folk Tales and Songs
New York: New American Library, 1956
Reprint, New York: Dover, 1971



2. I had a little chicken, the chicken loved me,
I fed my chicken under yonder tree.



3. I had a little duck...
Duck went Quack-quack! Quack-quack!
Chicken went...
Cat went...

4. I had a little goose...
Goose went Snoo-sy! Snoo-sy!
Duck went...
Chicken went...
Cat went...

5. I had a little guinea...
Guinea went Pot-rack! Pot-rack!

6. I had a little pony...
Pony went Trot-a-trot! Trot-a-trot!

7. I had a little mule...
Mule went Hee-hawn! Hee-hawn!

8. I had a little rabbit...
Rabbit went Little jump! Little jump!

Background Information

This is from "the Jack Tale man," R. M. Ward, who lived on Laurel Creek near Beech Mountain, North Carolina. His selection of animals has more charm, I think, than any other version I've ever heard. Usually the words are, "I bought me a cat, the cat pleased me. . ." But one day after I sang it this way with some children at an orphanage one little boy told me I had sung it "all wrong". I have been singing it *his* way ever since.