

# Short'nin' Bread

Informant/Performer:  
Ora Dell Graham and group  
Drew, MS, 1940

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*Clapping:* ✖ ✖ ✖ ✖ etc.

Chorus

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The chorus consists of two lines of music. The first line has a solo part for 'I do love' followed by a group part for 'short'nin' bread', and then another solo and group part. The second line continues the melody. The verses are numbered 1, 2, and 3. Verse 1 and 2 are followed by a double bar line and 'D.C.' (Da Capo). Verse 3 is followed by a double bar line and 'D.C. al fine'. The lyrics are: 'I do love short'nin' bread I do love short'nin' bread', 'Ma - ma loves short'nin' bread, Pa - pa loves short'nin' bread, Ev - 'ry bo - dy loves short'nin' bread.', '1. Two lit - tle ba - bies layin' in bed, One play sick and the oth - er play dead, 2. E - ver since my dog been dead, Hog's been root - in' in my 'ta - ter bed, 3. Old Aunt Din - ah sick in bed send for the doc - tor the doc - tor said, All she needs some short'nin' bread.'

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Transcribed by Louise Larkins Bradford in *Sing It Yourself*