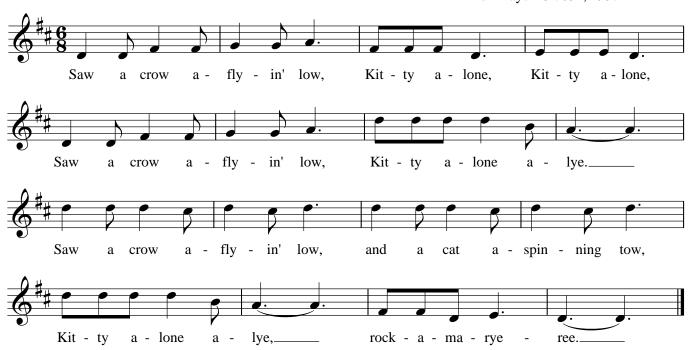
## Kitty Alone

Informant/Performer: Jean Ritchie Viper, KY Source: Jean Ritchie Children's Songs and Games from the Southern Mountains Folkways FC 7054, 1957



2. In came a little bat, etc.
With some butter and some fat.

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- 3. Next come in was a honey bee, With his fiddle across his knee.
- 4. Next came in was two little ants, Fixing around to have a dance
- 5. Next come in was little Pete, Fixing around to go to sleep.
- 6. (More slowly) Bee-o, bye-o, baby-o, Bye-o, bee-o, baby-o.

## **Background Information**

The "Kitty Alone" refrain is often found attached to some version of "The Frog's Courtship." It is in itself, however, an independent song, and as such traces back nearly 400 years. Jean Ritchie's Kentucky version, learned from her sister Kitty, is a version of the independent song, and is here sung as a lullaby.