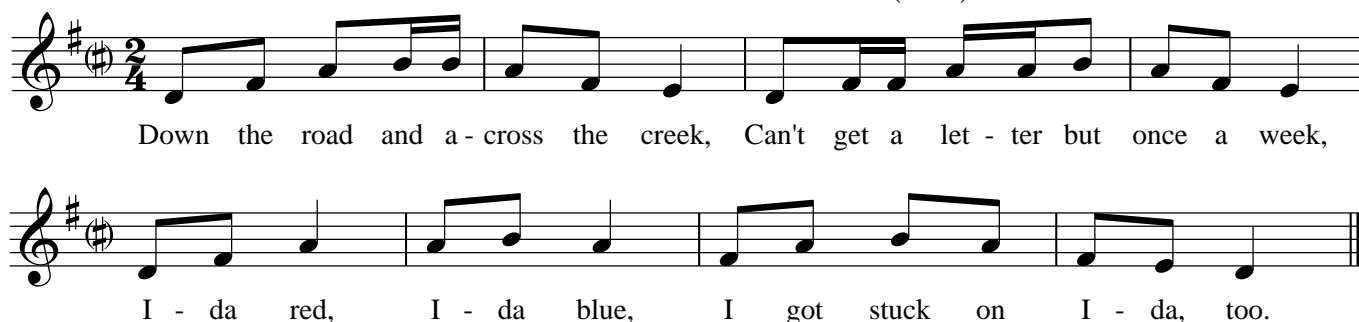


Ida Red

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2. Down the road and across the creek,
Can't get a letter but once a week,
Ida red, Ida green,
Purtiest gal you've ever seen.
3. Down the road and across the creek,
Can't get a letter but once a week,
Ida red, Ida pink,
I'm gonna dress that gal in mink.
4. Down the road and across the creek,
Can't get a letter but once a week,
Ida red, Ida yellow,
'Fraid she'll get another fellow.
5. Down the road etc.
Ida red, Ida gold,
She is something to behold.
6. Down the road etc.
Ida red, Ida black,
I'm gonna give that gal a smack.
7. Down the road etc.
Ida red, Ida white,
I'm gonna hold that gal so tight.
8. Down the road etc.
Ida red, Ida grey,
Guess I'll squeeze that gal all day.
9. Down the road etc.
Ida red, Ida red,
That gal's sweeter than gingerbread.
10. Bought me a horse and made me a sled
Nobody can't ride but Ida red,
Ida red, Ida blue,
I got stuck on Ida too.

Verses 2-9 from Leon and Lynn Dallin, *Folk Songster*