

Hop-a-la

Informant/Performer:

Eight girls

Kirby Industrial School, Atmore, AL, 1934

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Claps: | | | | | | | | |

A

Oh, Miss Belle, hop-a-la, Oh, Miss Belle, hop-a-la.

B

Hop-a-la Miss Belle, hop-a-la, Hop-a-la Miss Belle, hop-a-la.

Transcribed by Martha Wall,
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Chorus:

- A. Oh, Miss Belle (hop-a-la)
Oh, Miss Belle (hop-a-la)
B. Hop-a-la, Miss Belle (hop-a-la)
Hop-a-la, Miss Belle (hop-a-la).

1. A. When I marry (hop-a-la) [Response is same throughout]
Gonna live upstairs.

- B. Gonna teach my children
How to put on airs.

- B. Hop-a-la, Miss Belle
Hop-a-la, Miss Belle.

(Chorus)

2. A. Got a range in my kitchen
Bakes nice and brown.

- B. Take a man I love,
Turn the damper down.

- B. Hop-a-la, Miss Belle
Hop-a-la, Miss Belle.

(Chorus)

3. A. (Inaudible)

- B. Take a man I love
to soothe my mind.

- B. Hop-a-la, Miss Belle
Hop-a-la, Miss Belle.

(Chorus)

4. A. Oh, Miss Belle
Promised me

- B. Before she died
She'd set me free.

- B. Hop-a-la, Miss Belle
Hop-a-la, Miss Belle.

(Chorus)

5. Repeat v. 2

(Chorus)