

Froggie Would A-Wooing Go

1. A froggie would a-wooing go
'Heigh ho' said Roly
Froggie would a-wooing go
Whether his mother would let him or no
(Chorus) With his roly poly, gammon and spinach
'Heigh ho', said Anthony Roly.
2. So he set out one day with opera hat,
And on the road he met with a rat.
3. 'Oh mister rat, will you go with me?'
Lady mouse will be happy to see you to tea.'
3. 'A companion I want for my spirits are low.
You've much conversation, so together let's go.'
4. 'To tell you the truth, I'm in search of a wife,
For I'm heartily tired of a bachelor's life.'
5. And soon they arrived at a mousie's hole.
They gave a loud tap and a very loud call
6. 'Oh, lady mouse, are you within?'
'Yes, kind sirs, I'm just sitting down to spin.'
7. When greetings were over and dinner begun
They'd much conversation and plenty of fun.
8. 'Oh, mister Frog, will you give us a song?
Let the subject be something that's not very long.'
9. 'Excuse me, fair mousie', replied mister Frog.
'I was seized with a hoarseness while crossing a bog.'
10. Said she, 'mister Frog, since you're laid on the shelf,
I'll sing you a ballet composed by myself.'
11. But just as fair mousie rose to begin
The old cat and her kittens came tumbling in.
12. The old cat seized the rat by the crown
And the kittens they pulled the little mouse down.
13. This put mister Frog in a terrible fright,
He picked up his hat and he wished them goodnight.
14. But as Froggie was crossing it over the brook,
A lily-white duck came and gobbled him up.
15. So that puts an end to one, two and three,
The rat and the mouse and the poor little Froggie.

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