

Cruel Mother.

As she was a wal - king her fa - ther's walk aye oh, As she was a - wal - king her
fa - ther's walk she saw two pre - tty ba - bies play - ing the ball. Lay me down me
di - lly di - lly down - wards. Down by the green - wood side - - o!

She said pretty babies if you was mine, aye oh.
She said pretty babes if you was mine,
I'd dress you in such silken fine.
Lay me down, etc

They said dear mother when we was yourn, aye oh.
You took a penknife long and sharp,
And pierced we two pretty babies to our heart.
Lay me down, etc

She leaned her back against the oak, aye oh
She leaned her back against the oak
First it bent and then it broke.
Lay me down, etc

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