

The Crabfish

(a)

O crab - a - fish O crab a - fish O come 'ee un - to me, For
I've got a wife with my one or two or three. With my
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rad - - dy um rue de I de dad - - dy.

Alternative 1st 8 bars (to beginning of chorus)

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"This beginning usually sung in alternate verses"

1. O crab-a-fish, O crab-a-fish, O come 'ee unto me,
For I've got a wife with my one or two or three.
With my eye raddy um rue de I de daddy um
The die raddy um rue de I de daddy.
2. First in the parlour, then in the hall,
Says the old fat greasy cook: Do you want to have us all?
With my eye raddy um rue de I de daddy um
The die raddy um rue de I de daddy.
3. O Molly got up in the middle of the night
And the crabfish collared her by the number twenty-five.
With my eye raddy um rue de I de daddy um
The die raddy um rue de I de daddy.

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