



banjo

just for fun, form(verse/chorus)

Polly Wolly Doodle

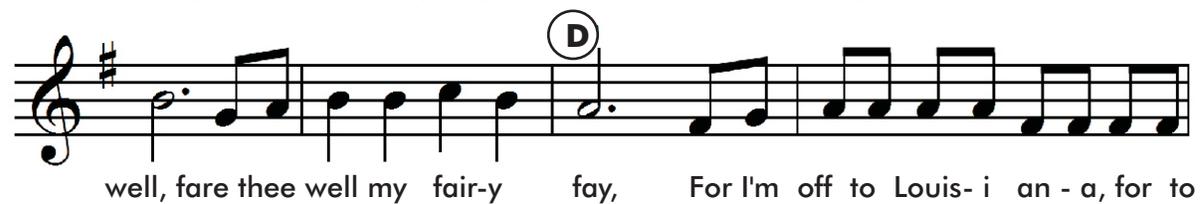
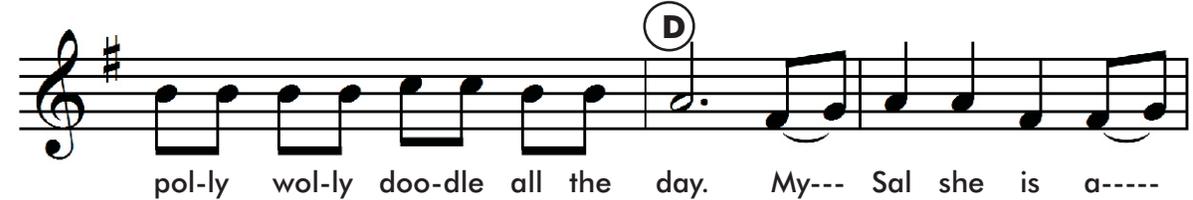
Not quite a tongue twister, but close --and lots of fun, whether singing the traditional words or the made up verses featured in the instrumental mp4.

Key G, first note G(do),
count-in: 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,Oh I went...

Polly Wolly Doodle

United States
folksong
circa 1880s

Allegro (G)



2. Oh, my Sal she is a maiden fair, singing... With curly eyes and laughing hair, singing...
3. Oh, a grasshopper sittin' on a railroad track, singing...A-pickin' his teeth with a carpet tack, singing...
4. Oh I like watermelon and I have for years, singing ... I dig right in til it gets in my ears singing ...
5. The raccoon's tail is ringed around, the possum's tail is bare,
the rabbit has no tail at all just a little bitty bunch of hair!

The University of Harvard published Polly Wolly in a songbook, 1880. The song also appears in Laura Ingalls Wilder's book The Golden Years which is an account about life in the late 1800s. To listen try <http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/lyrics/polly.htm> --an American government agency website for kids.

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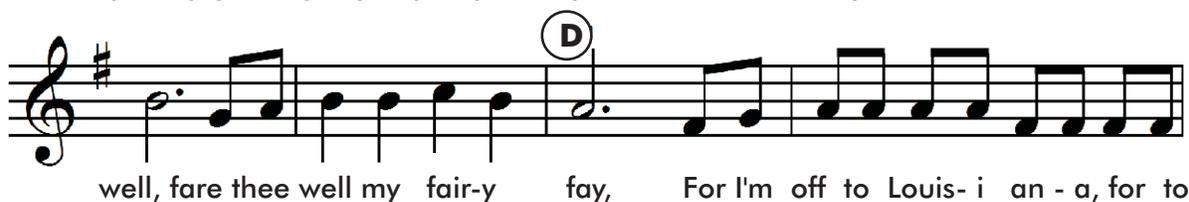
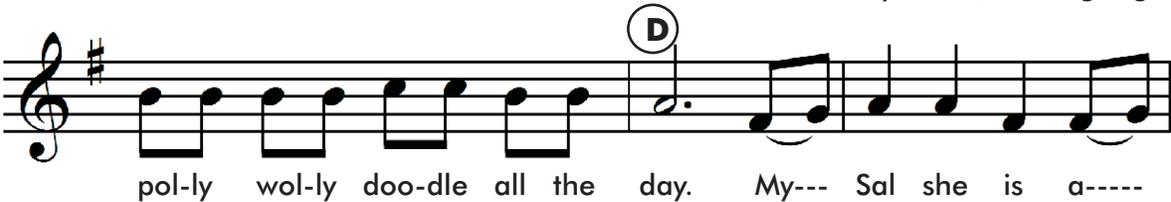
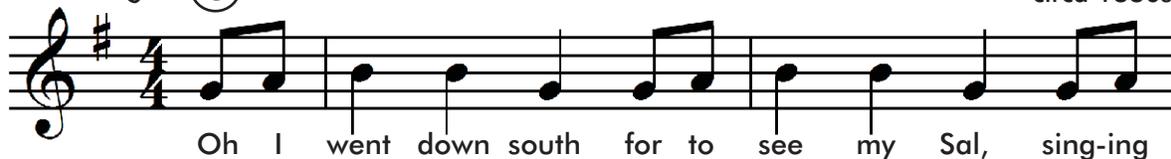
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New Song: Polly Wolly Doodle

- 1 "Be my echo. 'Polly Wolly Doodle.' (clap as you say)(students echo) **Have you ever met a Polly Wolly Doodle?** (Hopefully students look puzzled or shake their heads.) **Me either. But there are lots of them in this song. Every time you hear 'Polly Wolly Doodle' push both your hands way up in the air, then pull them back down. Ready to listen ..."** (Play the mp3 vocal track.)
- 2 "Excellent listening. Be my echo again. **"Singing Polly Wolly Doodle all the day."** (students echo) **This time as you listen, join in singing Polly Wolly Doodle all the day.**" (Play the mp3 vocal track.)
- 3 Using either the mp4, or posting the words to use with the mp3, sing through the song.

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1

Oh I went down south for to see my Sal singing
My Sal she is a spunky gal singing



2

Oh my Sal she is a maiden fair, singing
With curly eyes and laughing hair, singing



3

Oh a grasshopper sittin' on a railroad track, singing
A pickin' his teeth with a carpet tack, singing

4

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Instrumental mp4

1

I came to a river and couldn't get across, singing
Jumped on a gator cause I thought he was a hoss, singing

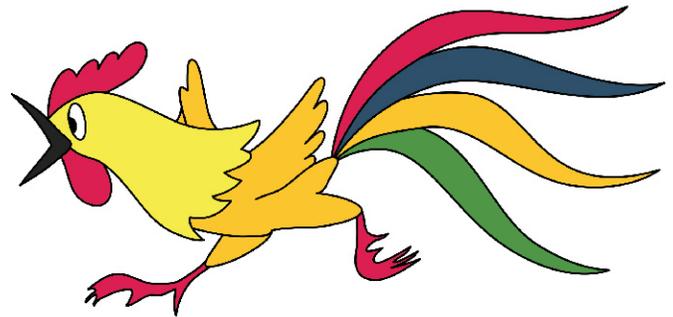


2

Behind the barn, down on my knees singing
I thought I heard a chicken sneeze, singing

3

He sneezed so hard with the whoopin' cough singing
He sneezed his head and tail right off, singing



4

A polly is a parrot, we all know well, singing
But just what a wolly is, I can't tell, singing



5

I wouldn't know a doodle if one came along, singing
But polly wolly doodle makes a real fine song, singing

