

Froggie Went A Courtin'

Traditional Scottish (1548)

Notes

"Frog Went A-Courtin'" (Roud 16) is an English language folk song. Its first known appearance is in Wedderburn's *Complaynt of Scotland* (1548) under the name "The Frog cam to the Myl dur", though this is in Scots rather than English. There is a reference in the London Company of Stationers' Register of 1580 to "A Moste Strange Weddinge of the Frogge and the Mouse." There are many texts of the ballad; however the oldest known musical version is in Thomas Ravenscroft's *Melismata* in 1611.

Source: Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frog_Went_A-Courting

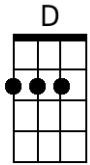
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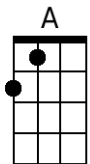
Key of D

GCEA



D
Froggie went a courtin' and he did ride uh huh

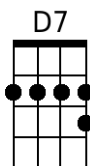
A
Froggie went a courtin' and he did ride uh huh



D D7
Froggie went a courtin' and he did ride

G A#7
A ring and a bouquet by his side

D A G
Uh huh uh huh uh huh



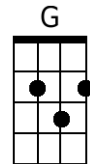
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A
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D D7
Got down on his froggie knee

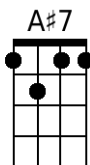
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D A G
Uh huh uh huh uh huh



D
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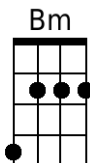
A
Way down yonder in a hollow tree uh huh



D D7
What should the wedding supper be

G A#7
A fiddlehead fry and a black-eye pea

D A G
Uh huh uh huh uh huh



D
First to come was a flappy moth uh huh

A
She laid out the table cloth uh huh

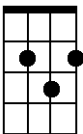
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Second to come was a juney bug

G A#7
She brought the wine in a tiny jug

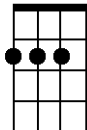
D A Bm G
Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh

Bari

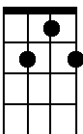
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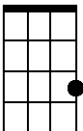
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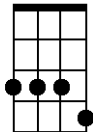
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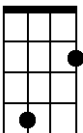
G



A#7



Bm



D

Third to come was a bumbley bee uh huh

A

His buzzin' shook that hollow tree uh huh

D

D7

He was arm in arm with a chubby tick

G

A#7

Who ate all the peas and got real sick

D

A

Bm

G

Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh

D

Fourth to come was Beatle John uh huh

A

A banjo and some Beatle songs uh huh

D

D7

Fifth to come was a garden snake

G

A#7

He ate his way through the wedding cake

D

A

Bm

G

D

A

G

Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh

D

Sixth to come was a dragonfly uh huh

A

A monicle on his purpley eye uh huh

D

D7

He came on the back of an old grey cat

G

A#7

Who fell asleep on the welcome mat

D

A

Bm

G

D

A

G

Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh

D

They all danced till the morning light uh huh

A

Then off to bed as the sun shone bright uh huh

D

D7

A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf

G

A#7

And If you want anymore you can sing it yourself

D

A

Bm

G

Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh (x3)

D

A

D

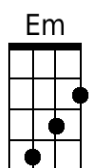
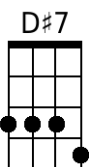
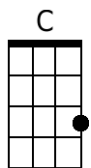
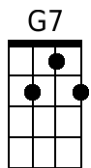
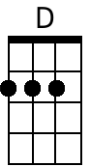
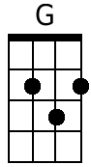
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Key of G

GCEA



G
Froggie went a courtin' and he did ride uh huh

D
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G G7
Froggie went a courtin' and he did ride

C D#7
A ring and a bouquet by his side

G D C
Uh huh uh huh uh huh

G
Rode up to Miss Mousey's door uh huh

D
Rode up to Miss Mousey's door uh huh

G G7
Got down on his froggie knee

C D#7
Miss Mousey will you marry me

G D C
Uh huh uh huh uh huh

G
Where will the wild wedding be uh huh

D
Way down yonder in a hollow tree uh huh

G G7
What should the wedding supper be

C D#7
A fiddlehead fry and a black-eye pea

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Uh huh uh huh uh huh

G
First to come was a flappy moth uh huh

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She laid out the table cloth uh huh

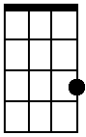
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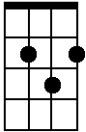
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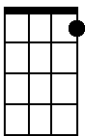
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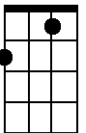
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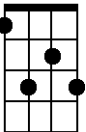
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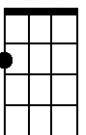
C



D#7



Em



G
Third to come was a bumbley bee uh huh
His buzzin' shook that hollow tree uh huh
G G7
He was arm in arm with a chubby tick
C D#7
Who ate all the peas and got real sick
G D Em C
Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh

G
Fourth to come was Beatle John uh huh
D
A banjo and some Beatle songs uh huh
G G7
Fifth to come was a garden snake
C D#7
He ate his way through the wedding cake
G D Em C G D C
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G
Sixth to come was a dragonfly uh huh
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A monicle on his purpley eye uh huh
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He came on the back of an old grey cat
C D#7
Who fell asleep on the welcome mat
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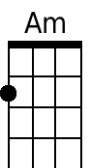
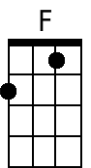
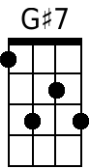
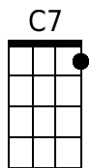
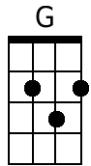
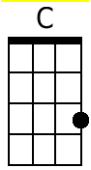
G
They all danced till the morning light uh huh
D
Then off to bed as the sun shone bright uh huh
G G7
A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf
C D#7
And If you want anymore you can sing it yourself
G D Em C
Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh (x3)
G D G
Uh huh uh huh

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C C7
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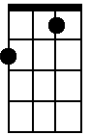
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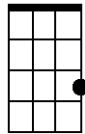
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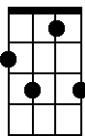
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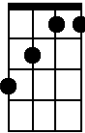
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C7



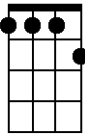
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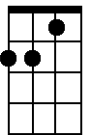
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Am



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Arrangement by Bob Dylan

1. Frog went a-courtin', and he did ride, Uh-huh,
Frog went a-courtin', and he did ride, Uh-huh,
Frog went a-courtin', and he did ride.
With a sword and a pistol by his side, Uh-huh.
2. Well he rode up to Miss Mousey's door, Uh-huh,
Well he rode up to Miss Mousey's door, Uh-huh,
Well he rode up to Miss Mousey's door.
Gave three loud raps and a very big roar, Uh-huh.
3. Said, "Miss Mouse, are you within?" Uh-huh,
Said he, "Miss Mouse, are you within?" Uh-huh,
Said, "Miss Mouse, are you within?"
"Yes, kind sir, I sit and spin," Uh-huh.
4. He took Miss Mousey on his knee, Uh-huh,
Took Miss Mousey on his knee, Uh-huh,
Took Miss Mousey on his knee.
Said, "Miss Mousey, will you marry me?" Uh-huh.
5. "Without my uncle Rat's consent, Uh-huh
"Without my uncle Rat's consent, Uh-huh
"Without my uncle Rat's consent.
I wouldn't marry the president, Uh-huh
6. Uncle Rat laughed and he shook his fat sides, Uh-huh,
Uncle Rat laughed and he shook his fat sides, Uh-huh,
Uncle Rat laughed and he shook his fat sides,.
To think his niece would be a bride, Uh-huh.
7. Uncle Rat went runnin' downtown, Uh-huh,
Uncle Rat went runnin' downtown, Uh-huh,
Uncle Rat went runnin' downtown.
To buy his niece a wedding gown, Uh-huh
8. Where shall the wedding supper be? Uh-huh,
Where shall the wedding supper be? Uh-huh,
Where shall the wedding supper be?
Way down yonder in a hollow tree, Uh-huh
9. What should the wedding supper be? Uh-huh,
What should the wedding supper be? Uh-huh,
What should the wedding supper be?
Fried mosquito in a black-eye pea, Uh-huh.
10. Well, first to come in was a flyin' moth, Uh-huh,
First to come in was a flyin' moth, Uh-huh,
First to come in was a flyin' moth.
She laid out the table cloth, Uh-huh.

11. Next to come in was a junebug, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was a junebug, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was a junebug.
She brought the water jug, Uh-huh.

12. Next to come in was a bumblebee, Uh-huh
Next to come in was a bumblebee, Uh-huh
Next to come in was a bumblebee.
Sat mosquito on his knee, Uh-huh.

13. Next to come in was a broken black flea, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was a broken black flea, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was a broken black flea.
Danced a jig with the bumblebee, Uh-huh.

14. Next to come in was Mrs. Cow, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was Mrs. Cow, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was Mrs. Cow.
She tried to dance but she didn't know how, Uh-huh.

15. Next to come in was a little black tick, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was a little black tick, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was a little black tick.
She ate so much she made us sick, Uh-huh.

16. Next to come in was a big black snake, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was a big black snake, Uh-huh,
Next to come in was a big black snake.
Ate up all of the wedding cake, Uh-huh.

17. Next to come was the old gray cat, Uh-huh,
Next to come was the old gray cat, Uh-huh,
Next to come was the old gray cat.
Swallowed the mouse and ate up the rat, Uh-huh.

18. Mr. Frog went a-hoppin' up over the brook, Uh-huh,
Mr. Frog went a-hoppin' up over the brook, Uh-huh,
Mr. Frog went a-hoppin' up over the brook.
A lily-white duck come and swallowed him up, Uh-huh.

19. A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf, Uh-huh,
A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf, Uh-huh,
A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf.
If you want anymore, you can sing it yourself, Uh-huh.