

Billy Boy

Words & Music:
Traditional American

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Where have you been all the day, Billy Boy? Billy Boy?

C G7
Where have you been all the day, charming Billy?

G7 C
I have been to seek a wife, she's the ideal of my life.

F C G7 C
She's a young thing, and cannot leave her mother.

Oh, where does she live, Billy Boy? Billy Boy?
Oh, where does she live, charming Billy?
She live up on the hill, forty miles from the mill.
She's a young thing, and cannot leave her mother.

Did she ask you to come in, Billy Boy? Billy Boy?
Did she ask you to come in, charming Billy?
Yes, she bade me to come in, and to kiss her on the chin.
She's a young thing, and cannot leave her mother.

And did she take your hat, Billy Boy? Billy Boy?
And did she take your hat, charming Billy?
Oh, yes she took my hat and she threw it at the cat.
She's a young thing, and cannot leave her mother.

Can she bake a cherry pie, Billy Boy? Billy Boy?
Can she bake a cherry pie, charming Billy?
Yes, she can bake a cherry pie, quick as a cat can wink her eye.
She's a young thing, and cannot leave her mother.

Did she set for you a chair, Billy Boy? Billy Boy?
Did she set for you a chair, charming Billy?
Yes, she set for me a chair, but the bottom wasn't there.
She's a young thing, and cannot leave her mother.

Can she make a feather bed, Billy Boy? Billy boy,
Can she make a feather bed, charming Billy?
Yes she can make a feather bed, while a-standing on her head.
She's a young thing, and cannot leave her mother.

How old is she, Billy Boy? Billy Boy?
How old is she, charming Billy?
Sixty times forty-seven, twenty-eight and eleven.
She's a young thing, and cannot leave her mother.

