



Hey Loddy Loddy

C **G**

HEY LOD -DY LOD- DY LOD- DY HEY LOD -DY LOD- DY LO

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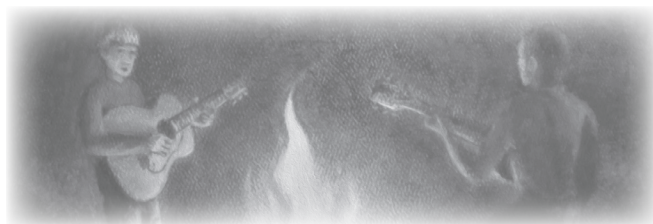
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I know a guy his name is Phil... He lit a fire with a 100 dollar bill...
I know a girl her name is Betty... Her favorite food is cold spaghetti...
I know a kid his name is Steve... He'll come to your house and won't ever leave...
I know a skinny guy named Bret... He has to run around the shower if he wants to get wet
I know a guy his name is Lenny... He'll dive on the ground to pick up a penny...
I know a girl her name is Carol... She buys chocolate by the barrel...
I know a girl her name is Mary... When she first wakes up she looks pretty scary...
I know a guy his name is Fred... If you smelled his feet you'd think he was dead
You might think you hate this verse... But I bet I can sing one that's even worse...



This one is not as well-known as some of the songs in kid's music books, but our family loves it, and it is very catchy and easy to improvise new words to. The chord changes also come at a perfect pace for beginners. It seems to have an innate tropical or calypso rhythm, and it's very easy for kids to strum away and just think about making up words.

It's called "Hey Lolly Lolly" in some places, and that's the version Woody Guthrie sang on one of his classic recordings. Our favorite version is Chubby Checker's,

that he recorded in 1963.

We like to make the verses all use names of people, and it is good for teaching rhyming. You can just sing verses as long as people have ideas, since putting the chorus in after every verse slows the song down a lot. When there is a slow period with no ideas, sing a chorus or two while somebody thinks of a new rhyme.

We learn songs by listening to them over and over, until they are "in our heads."



C
Hey loddy, loddy loddy

G
Hey loddy loddy lo

Hey loddy, loddy loddy

C
Hey loddy loddy lo

CHORD STRUCTURE (8 total measures)

12 beats of the 1 chord (C)

16 beats of 5 chord (G)

4 beats of the 1 chord (C)

C	—	—	—	C	—	—	—	C	—	—	—	G	—	—	—
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
G	—	—	—	G	—	—	—	G	—	—	—	C	—	—	—
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4