

The Old-Time Collection



Black Eyed Susie (traditional)

1. The oth - er night I come to town, I met a lit - tle girl called Su - sie Brown. Her
 eyes were black, and her hair was brown, The swee test lit - tle girl in Mem phis town.
 Hey! Black eyed Su - sie. Hey! Black eyed Su - sie,

2. All I need to make me happy
 Two little boys to call me pappy,
 One named Paul and the other one Davey,
 One loves ham and the other one gravy.
 Hey! Black Eyed Susie, Hey! Black Eyed Susie,
 Hey! Black Eyed Susie, Hey! Black Eyed Susie.

3. Susie and the boys went berry pickin'
 Boys got drunk and Susie got a lickin'
 I got drunk and I got woozy
 I went home with black-eyed Susie
 Hey! Black Eyed Susie, Hey! Black Eyed Susie,
 Hey! Black Eyed Susie, Hey! Black Eyed Susie.

4. I fell in love with her that night,
 Sent for the preacher a
 And the preacher was tight.
 We said "I do" by the lantern light,
 Promised that preacher we'd never fight.
 Hey! Black Eyed Susie, Hey! Black Eyed Susie,
 Hey! Black Eyed Susie, Hey! Black Eyed Susie.

The popular old time tune stems from, according to some research, a 16th century tune called Rosasolis, a Morris dance tune called Morris Off, a Scottish tune called Three Jolly Sheep Skins, and an Irish tune under the name Alas My Little Bag. In the US, one of the earliest recordings - in 1939 - was from fiddler John Hatcher of Mississippi.



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