

SWEET BETSY FROM PIKE

{st:Traditional}

C G7 C C
OH DON'T YOU REMEMBER SWEET BETSY FROM PIKE?
C D7 G7 G7
WHO CROSSED THE BIG MOUNTAINS WITH HER LOVER IKE,
C C F C
WITH TWO YOKE OF OXEN, A BIG YALLER DOG,
C G7 C C
A TALL SHANGHAI ROOSTER AND ONE SPOTTED HOG.
C G7 C
HOODLE DANG FOL DE DI DO, HOODLE DANG FOL DE DAY.
C G7 C C
ONE EVENING QUITE EARLY THEY CAMPED ON THE PLATTE,
C D7 G7 G7
'T WAS NEARBY THE ROAD ON A GREEN SHADY FLAT,
C C F C
WHERE BETSY, SORE-FOOTED, LAY DOWN TO REPOSE.
C G7 C C
WITH WONDER IKE GAZED ON THAT PIKE COUNTY ROSE.
C G7 C
HOODLE DANG FOL DE DI DO, HOODLE DANG FOL DE DAY.
C G7 C C
THE SHANGHAI RAN OFF, AND THEIR CATTLE ALL DIED,
C D7 G7 G7
THAT MORNING THE LAST PIECE OF BACON WAS FRIED,
C C F C
POOR IKE WAS DISCOURAGED AND BETSY GOD MAD,
C G7 C C
THE DOG DROOPED HIS TAIL AND LOOKED WONDROUSLY SAD.
C G7 C
HOODLE DANG FOL DE DI DO, HOODLE DANG FOL DE DAY.
C G7 C C
THEY SOON REACHED THE DESERT WHERE BETSY GAVE OUT,
C D7 G7 G7
AND DOWN IN THE SAND SHE LAY ROLLING ABOUT,
C C F C
WHILE IKE, HALF DISTRACTED, LOOKED UP WITH SURPRISE,
C G7 C C
SAYING, "BETSY, GET UP, YOU'LL GET SAND IN YOUR EYES."
C G7 C
HOODLE DANG FOL DE DIDO, HOODLE DANG FOL DE DAY.
C G7 C C
SWEET BETSY GOT UP IN A GREAT DEAL OF PAIN,
C D7 C C
DECLARED SHE'D GO BACK TO PIKE COUNTY AGAIN,
C C F C
BUT IKE GAVE A SIGH, AND THEY FONDLY EMBRACED,
C G7 C C
AND THEY TRAVELED ALONG WITH HIS ARM 'ROUND HER WAIST.
C G7 C
HOODLE DANG FOL DE DI DO, HOODLE DANG FOL DE DAY.

C G7 C C
 THE INJUNS CAME DOWN IN A WILD YELLING HORDE,
 C D7 C C
 AND BETSY WAS SKEERED THEY WOULD SCALP HER ADORED;
 C C F C
 BEHIND THE FRONT WAGON WHEEL BETSY DID CRAWL,
 C G7 C C
 AND THERE SHE FOUGHT INJUNS WITH MUSKET AND BALL.
 C G7 C
 HOODLE DANG FOL DE DI DO, HOODLE DANG FOL DE DAY.

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