

Pretty Polly

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Pretty Polly, please come on down
From your home high up off the ground
In the tree dark and forlorn
Where the rope hangs bruised and worn

Though I'll never fly to you
It's the last thing I would do
You have dug two holes so deep
I'm afraid that one's for me

Pretty Polly must I cry
Without your voice I'll fear I'd die
The song you sing and the story you tell
We must keep them to ourselves

Oh I know my voice like nightingale
Now I have my brand new tale
Of a tree dark and forlorn
Where a rope hang bruised and worn

Petty Polly, I have bread
That I have not eaten yet
Come and take them from my thalls
Then we'll lay your song to rest

I suppose my song can wait
For I am hungry and grows late
I will eat your bread and then
I will sing my song a-gain

Pretty Polly, I had no choice
Stop your heart and steal your voice
One more little body so still
One more little hole to fill