



Children of Early Appalachia

Song

Papa's Billy Goat

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VERSE 1

Papa, bought him a great big billy goat
Mamma, she washed most every day
She hung her clothes out on the line
Well, the dog-gone goat, he come that way

VERSE 2

He pulled down the red flannel shirt
You just ought'a heard them buttons crack
I'll get even with the son-of-a-gun
Tie him across that railroad track

VERSE 3

Well, I tied him 'cross th railroad track
An' the train was a com'n as a powerful rate
He belched up that ole red shirt
And he flagged down that dog-gone train

VERSE 4

Well, I went to the depot, I bought me a ticket
N' I walked right in an' I sot right down
Stuck the ticket in the brim o' my hat
An' th dog-gone wind blowed out on th ground

VERSE 5

Big conductor come around, he said, give me your ticket
I'd have t' pay again or be left on th track
I'll get even with that son-of-a-gun
I got a round-trip ticket but I'm not com'n back

VERSE 6

I had an ole hen an' she had a wood'n leg
The best dern hen that ever layed an egg
She laid more eggs than any hen 'round the barn
An' another little drink wouldn't do me any harm

