

The Ballad of Bethnal Green

Paddy Roberts 1959

4 / 4 Time. Intro: [G] [G]

I [G] tell the tale of a [Am] jealous [D] male,
and a [C] maid of [D7] sweet six-[G]-teen.
She was [G] blonde and dumb and [Am] lives with her [D] mum.
On the [C] fringe of [D7] Bethnal [G] Green.
She [A7] worked all [D] week for a [A7] rich old [D] Greek
'cos her [G] dad was [A] on the [D] dole.
But her [G] one delight was a [Am] Friday [D] night,
When she [C] had a bit of [D7] rock and [G] roll.

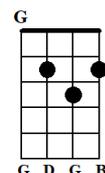
*Chorus-To my [G] rit-fal-lal to my [Am] titty-fal-[D] lal,
To my [C] itty-bitty [D7] fal-dal-[G] day.*

Then [G] one fine day in the [Am] month of [D] May,
She [C] met her [D7] big ro-[G]-mance,
He was [G] dark and sleek with a [Am] scar on his [D] cheek
And a [C] pair of [D7] drainpipe [G] pants.
She [A7] thought "with [D] you I could [A7] be so [D] true,
Through [G] all the [A] years to [D] come."
For she [G] loved the gay a-[Am]-bandoned [D] way
He [C] chewed his [D7] chewing [G] gum. -----Chorus

It [G] started well be-[Am]-cause he [D] fell
For [C] all her [D7] girlish [G] charms,
But [G] he had some doubts when he [Am] caught her [D] out,
In [C] someone [D7] else's [G] arms.
He [A7] said "look [D] here you [A7] know my [D] dear,
This is [G] going a [A] bit too [D] far."
The he [G] went quite white and he [Am] sloshed [D] right
In the [C] middle of the [D7] cha-cha-[G]-cha. -----Chorus

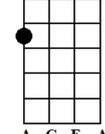
He [G] went before the [Am] man of the [D] law,
Who [C] said "this [D7] will not [G] do,
I've [G] had enough of the [Am] kind of [D] stuff
That I [C] get from the [D7] likes of [G] you."
And [A7] was she [D] peeved when [A7] he re-[D]-ceived
A [G] longish [A] term in [D] clink.
In a [G] fit of pique, she [Am] married the [D] Greek
And [C] now she's [D7] dressed in [G] mink.

*To my [G] rit-fal-lal to my [Am] titty-fal-[D] lal,
To my [C] itty-bitty [D7] fal-dal-[G]// da [C]// aa [G]! ay.*



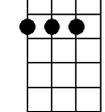
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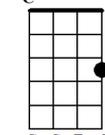
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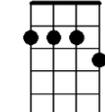
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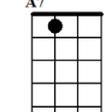
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D7



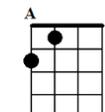
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A7



G Db E A

A



A Db E A