

Leatherwing Bat

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I said, the little leatherwing bat
Ill tell to you the reason that
The reason that I fly by night
Is because Ive lost my hearts delight

Howdy dowdy diddle-dum day
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Hey le lee-lee lie-lee low

I said, the blackbird sittin on a chair
Once I courted a lady, fair
She proved fickle and turned her back
And ever since then Ive dressed in black

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Hey le lee-lee lie-lee low

I said the woodpecker sittin on a fence
Once I courted a handsome wench
She got scared and from me fled
And ever since then my heads been red

Howdy dowdy diddle-dum day
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Hey le lee-lee lie-lee low

I said, the little turtle dove
Ill tell you how to win her love
Court her night and court her day
Never give her time to say o-neigh!

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Howdy dowdy diddle-dum day
Hey le lee-lee lie-lee low

I said, the bluejay and away he flew
If I were a young man Id have two
If one were faithless and chanced to go
Id add the other string to my bow

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