

Polly Wolly Doodle

Dan Emmett



1. Oh, I went down South for to see my Sal
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
My Sal, she is A spunky gal
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day

Chorus:

Fare thee well, Fare thee well,
Fare thee well my fairy fay
For I'm going to Lou'siana
For to see my Susyanna
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day

2. Oh, my Sal, she is A maiden fair
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
With curly eyes And laughing hair
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
Chorus
3. Behind the barn, down on my knees
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
I thought I heard a chicken sneeze
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
Chorus

4. He sneezed so hard with the whooping cough
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
He sneezed his head and tail right off
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
Chorus

5. Oh, a grasshopper sittin' on a railroad track
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
A-pickin' his teeth with a carpet tack
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
Chorus

6. Oh, I went to bed but it weren't no use
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
My feet stuck out like a chicken roost
Sing Polly wolly doodle all the day
Chorus

"Polly Wolly Doodle" is by Dan Emmett. In association with Billy Whitlock, Dick Pelham, and Frank Brower, he organized the Virginia Minstrels, the first troupe of the blackface minstrel tradition, which made their first appearance before a paying audience at the Chatham Theatre in New York City in 1843. Dan Emmett is also credited with composing "Dixie" and "Blue Tail Fly".

I play this in a medley with "Camptown Races" and "Oh! Susanna". Both are by Stephan Foster and are in this section.