

## **Ben Colder**

# **"Don't Go Near The Eskimos"**

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[CHORUS]

Oop shoop moogi mushy doggy, oh  
Oop shoop moogi ay  
Means son, don't go near the Eskimos  
Please do what I say

My daddy was working  
For the weather station  
A little bit North of Nome  
And I grew up in that frozen country  
Where the nights are six months long

I used to play like I was an Eskimo  
I put whale oil on my hair  
And every night I would beg my folks  
Let me sleep in the frigid air

[Repeat CHORUS]

I was seventeen and my voice was changing  
But the girls didn't thrill me none  
'Cause I longed to go see an Eskimo  
On the banks of the old Yukon

One night I slipped from my daddy's house  
A little bit north of Nome  
I knew that I could get back by morning  
'Cause the nights are six months long

[Repeat CHORUS]

And there she was  
Sitting on a chunk of ice  
Eating a frozen fish  
And dipping her friskies  
In whale blubbe

And I said, ooga shooga mooshka  
Which means the love in my heart  
Is a burning

And she said, ooga mooshka nooshka

And that means, back up, buddy  
You're melting the ice

I went back home and I told my daddy  
About this maiden fair  
And how I felt I'd love to melt  
Them icicles in her hair

Dad's trembling lips turned purple  
And his breath began to freeze  
It was then he told me  
I could never rub noses  
With pretty little Um Shog Nee

He said, son, when you were born  
Well, the Eskimo and the white man  
Were having a lot of wild parties, see  
The Eskimos always brought the ice

Well, they's having a lot of fun, you see  
So one night, this Eskimo named Pie Eye  
That's right, son, a pie-eyed Eskimo  
He stole my little boy and made  
A icicle out of him

So I stole you to get even  
I was gonna make a  
Fudgesicle out of you

But I loved you like you's my very own  
And I treated you just, you know  
Just like the cold blooded  
Little Eskimo that you are

So you see, son, you can never  
Rub noses with Um Shog Nee no more  
Because, excuse me, see, Um Shog Nee  
Has the coldest nose in Alaska  
And that's why I've always say

[Repeat CHORUS]

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