

## Frank Loesser

### "Small Fry"

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Here comes that good for nothin' brat of a boy.  
He's such a devil I could whip him with joy.  
He's been carousin' at the burleycue.  
Just watch me teach him with the sole of my shoe.

Small fry, struttin' by the pool room,  
small fry, should be in the school room.  
My my, put down that cigarette,  
you ain't a grown-up high and mighty yet.  
Small fry, dancin' for a penny,  
small fry, countin' up how many.  
My my, just listen to me,  
you ain't the biggest catfish in the sea.  
You practice peckin' all day long to some old radio  
song,  
oh yes, oh yes, oh yes.  
You better listen to your Paw and someday practice the  
law  
and then you'll be a real success, yes.  
Small fry, kissed the neighbor's daughter,  
small fry, should stay in shallow water.  
Seems I should take you cross my knee,  
you ain't the biggest catfish in the sea.  
You got your feet all soakin' wet, you'll be the death of  
me yet,  
oh me, oh my, small fry.

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