

Johnny Horton "Sleepy-Eyed John"

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Well, a way down yonder on the Candy Creek
I whittled out a fiddle from a wagon seat
I tuned my fiddle and I rubbed my bow
Play a little tune wherever I go

Sleepy-eyed John, you better your britches on
Sleepy-eyed John, you better tie your shoe
Sleepy-eyed John, you better get your britches on
Try to get to heaven 'fore the devil gets to you

Well, sleepy-eyed John he stole a goose
The goose she clucked but she couldn't get loose
Said John to the goose, "If you don't be still
Well miss our supper down in Candy ville"

Sleepy-eyed John, you better your britches on
Sleepy-eyed John, you better tie your shoe
Sleepy-eyed John, you better get your britches on
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Well sleepy-eyed John he had a wooden leg
The wooden leg was nothing but a little wooden peg
With one shoe off and one shoe on
He'll do the double shuffle 'till the cows come home

Sleepy-eyed John, you better your britches on
Sleepy-eyed John, you better tie your shoe
Sleepy-eyed John, you better get your britches on
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Now I got twenty dollars for to build a fence
I took my money and I ain't worked since
Sold my buggy and I sold my plow
I wouldn't take a dollar for my journey now

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Well over the hickory and down the pine
The raccoon left and the old hound whined

John said, "Sic 'em" and the raccoon left
They crossed Green River in a minute and a half

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