

## **Carter Family**

### **"Chewing Gum"**

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Mama sent me to the spring, she told me not to stay  
I fell in love with a pretty little girl, and could not get  
away

Chawing chewing gum, chewing chawing gum  
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First she give me peaches, next she give me pears  
Next she give me fifty cents, kissed me on the stairs

Mommy don't 'low me to whistle, poppy don't 'low me to  
sing  
They don't 'low me to marry, I'll marry just the same

I wouldn't have a lawyer, I'll tell you the reason why  
Every time he opens his mouth he tells a great big lie

I wouldn't have a doctor, I'll tell you the reason why  
He rides all over the country and makes the people die

I wouldn't have a farmer, I'll tell you the reason why  
Because he has so plenty to eat, 'specially pumpkin pie

I took my girl to church last night How do you reckon  
she done?  
She walked right up in the preacher's face and chewed  
her chewing gum

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