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"Cousin John"

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Little cousin John when he crossed that field, Great Big
Steak Billy, on that hill
He turned around to do his best, fell right back in the
hornet's nest

Up he jump in the way he ran, couldn't catch the boy in
the aeroplane
Oh, cousin John, he had no shoes, that's why he had
them runnin' blues

Little cousin John was goin' to town, ridin' a gray horse
and need no hound
The ol' hound barked, the ol' horse jumped, the ol'
cousin John, he's fell on a stone

Oh, cousin John, he promised me, just before he die he
make a will for me
Lived so long his head got bald, well, he got out the
notion of dyin' at all

Oh, cousin John fairly well, well, I know something but I
ain't gonna tell
Well, I know something but I ain't gonna tell, I know
something but I ain't gonna tell
I know something but I ain't gonna tell, oh, cousin John

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