

# Why do Fools Fall in Love?

Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers

Ooowah, ooowah, ooowah, ooowah, ooowah, ooowah.

Why do fools fall in love?

Why do birds sing so gay? And lovers await the break of day.

Why do they fall in love?

Why does the rain fall from above? Why do fools fall in love?

Why do they fall in love?

Love is a losing game. Love can lead to shame.

I know of a fool you see, for that fool is me.

Tell me why, why, why. Tell me why.

Why do birds sing so gay? And lovers await the break of day.

Why do they fall in love?

Why does the rain fall from above? Why do fools fall in love?

Why do they fall in love?

Why does my heart skip a crazy beat?

For I know it will reach defeat!

Tell me why, why, why. Why do fools fall in love?

"Why Do Fools Fall in Love" is credited to co-writers Frankie Lymon, Herman Santiago, and George Goldner. The song was a hit for early New York City-based rock and roll group Frankie Lymon & the Teenagers, in January 1956. It reached No. 1 on the R&B chart, and No. 6 on Billboard's Pop Singles chart. The song helped to make Frankie Lymon a household name and a rock and roll pioneer.

In late 1955, The Teenagers (at that time calling themselves The Premiers) auditioned a song called "Why do Birds Sing So Gay?" for George Goldner, recording producer and owner of Gee Records. During the audition Frankie's voice stood out and Goldner recommended the lead in subsequent recording sessions be given to Frankie. Frankie did some improvising and re-created the melody to match his own style.