

# Skip To My Lou

(Young people in many a 19th midwestern community were not allowed to dance. It was sinful, said the adults. The youths asked, "Is it all right if we play some games?" Thus evolved the American invention known as the play party: a square dance or ring dance accompanied not by instruments, but by handclapping and singing — and called a "play party," NOT a dance. "Skip to my Lou" was always a favorite.)

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A7 Lost my part- ner what-'ll I do,

Lost my part- ner, what-'ll I do, Lost my part- ner,

what-'ll I do? Skip to my Lou my dar- ling.

## Chorus:

Gone again, skip to my Lou  
 Gone again, skip to my Lou  
 Gone again, skip to my Lou  
 Skip to my Lou my darling.

I'll get another one prettier than you  
 I'll get another one prettier than you  
 I'll get another one prettier than you  
 Skip to my Lou my darling. (Cho.)

Little red wagon painted blue  
 Little red wagon painted blue  
 Little red wagon painted blue  
 Skip to my Lou my darling. (Cho.)

Flies in the buttermilk two by two  
 Flies in the buttermilk two by two  
 Flies in the buttermilk two by two  
 Skip to my Lou my darling. (Cho.)

Flies in the sugar bowl shoo shoo shoo, etc.

Going to Texas two by two, etc.

Cat's in the cream jar what'll I do?, etc.

(See how many more verses you can recollect or invent)

