

1. When I was young and in my prime
I thought I'd better get married,
So I got me a pretty little wife,
And the wedding day was Thursday.

Chorus: Ring-tum a-ting-tum-tarry,
Prettiest little girl I ever did see,
And her name was Dev'lish Mary.

2. We'd just been married about six weeks
When she got as mean as the devil,
And every time I looked cross-eyed
She hit me on the head with a shovel.
3. She washed my clothes in old soapsuds;
She scratched my back with switches;
She let me know I had to mind
And she's a-gonna wear the britches.
4. We'd just been married about ten weeks
When she thought we'd better be parted,
So she up with her little duds
And down the road she started.