

# Polly Won't You Try Me O

(Kemo Kimo)

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Down in Skytown lived a maid  
Sing song Polly won't you try me oh?  
Churning butter was her trade  
Sing song Polly won't you try me oh?  
She loved a feller whose name was Will  
Sing song Polly won't you try me oh?  
His dad, he used to own the mill  
Sing song Polly won't you try me oh?

Cho:  
Kemo Kimo where? oh there! my high my low  
Then in comes Sally singing  
Sometimes medley, winkum lingtum nip cat  
Sing song Polly won't you try me oh?

The first verse and chorus of this 19th century American song which exists in many forms. It was even recorded by Nat King Cole on a children's album in the 1950s. Some versions are from the minstrel tradition; others are variants of "Froggie Went a Courting". These words are from an undated broadside from Baltimore MD, found online at the Library of Congress. This tune also appears in mid-19th century banjo tutors.