

# RATTLE ON THE STOVEPIPE

As sung by LaRena Clarke – Collected by Edith Fowke

CHORUS:

Rattle on the Stovepipe, bootjack, Jew's harp  
Rattle on the Stovepipe, bootjack Joe.  
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Rattle on the Stovepipe, bootjack Joe.

She was kissin', I was wishin'  
Didn't know what she was about  
Robbed me of my gold and silver,  
Then she kicked me, threw me out.

CHORUS

Blue it is a pretty colour,  
'Fore it gets the second rinse,  
Young men when they go a-courtin'  
Very often get the slip

CHORUS

Ripest apples soon grow rotten,  
Hottest Love will soon grow cold,  
Pretty fair maid soon forgotten;  
Pray, young man, don't be so bold!

CHORUS

Deepest water runnin' swiftly,  
Birds a-flyin' through the air;  
Kiss a young, go a-courtin',  
Kind sir, I don't have a care!

CHORUS