

Sweet Betsy From Pike

Origin: American Folk Song
Source: 150 American Folk Songs to Sing
Read and Play. Boosey and Hawkes.

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Did you ev - er hear tell of sweet Bet - sy from Pike,
5 Who crossed the wid ov - er Ike,
10 With two yoke of cat - tle and one spot - ted hog,
15 A tall Shang - hai roost - er and an old yal - ler dog.
20 **REFRAIN**
Hood - le dang fol - di dye - do, hood - le dang fol - di - day.

2. One evening quite early they camped on the Platte,
Made down their blankets on a green shady flat;
Where Betsy, quite tired, lay down to repose,
While with wonder Ike gazed on his Pike County road.
3. They swam the wide rivers and crossed the tall peaks,
And camped on the prairie for weeks upon weeks.
Starvation and cholera and hard work and slaughter,
They reached California spite of hell and high water.

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Theme: Historical Events

Games:

Form: Verse & Chorus

Song Type:

Partner:

Scale: Major

CSP: C

Age: Middle Primary - Lower Secondary

Tones: ① r m f s l t d'

Rhythm: ♩ : ♪♫ : Z : ♩

Melodic: d m s d' ; s f m r d ; d' t s ; t s m ; m f s l ; s d ; d r m ; s f (d)

Prep: 

Prac: