

Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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My grandfather died and I didn't know how
I wanted a horse but he left me his cow

Wim wam waddles, Jack stick swaddles
Rosabow, rosabow, Way went the broom

So I had a little cow and he had a little calf
Thought I had a bargain but I lost one half

So I sold me little cow and I bought a little dog
A pretty little creature to keep off the mob

So I sold me little dog and I bought a little goose
He walked so many miles that his legs got loose

So I sold me little goose and I bought a little cat
A pretty little creature to keep off the rats

So I sold me little cat and bought a little mouse
The fire on its tail set fire to my house

My grandfather died and left me all alone
I don't know how it is, but I haven't got a home

chorus also reported as:

With my wing, wing, waddle o

Jackie sing saddle o

Bessie be the babble o

Under the broom

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