

When We Went Holler Skating - song lyrics

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When We Went Holler Skating.
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If you could only see my girl,
With sky-blue teeth and eyes of pearl,
When we went roller skating.
Some ice cr-r-r-eam for her I bought,
Two souls with but a single thought,
But listen to me now, what do you think?
We went to a roller-skating rink.
Though neither one could skate a peg.
She said we'd skate, or break a leg.
Said I, "You beat Maria Bates,"
And we put on a pair of roller skates,
We both struck out and then struck in,
I slipped, and scraped Maria's shin,
And tore off a yard and a half of skin.
She first got black and then got blue.
She patched it up with Spaulding's glue.
And told me I was too bran new.
She raised her delicate, dainty paw.
And nearly dislocated my jaw,
Her temper up bad and rippling mad,
Siie swore she'd go and tell her dad.
Oh, what a terrible time we had.
When we went roller skating.

Said I, "Sweet maid, forgive me, try.
Without my birdie I would die."
She winked her alabaster eye,
When we went roller skating.
She wiped her nose, we started new,
Once more to see what we could do.
I took her hands as I did before,
We both struck out across the floor;
We made a jump, a skip and a hop,
Took a drop, but couldn't stop.
Over we went kerwhiz, kerflop,
Me underneath and Maria on top,
We wiped the floor like a patent mop,
And then we both set up a roar,
As we went tumbling o'er and o'er.
She kicked and clawed, I yelled and swore,
Covered with gore, And awful sore,
The boys they yelled the more And more.
My clothes were ripped, my legs were bare,
Maria lost her teeth and hair.
Of roller skates, beware! beware!
Never again, oh! never, I swear,
Will I go roller skating.