

# Baby Bye, Here's A Fly - song lyrics

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BABY BYE, HERE'S A FLY.

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Baby bye, here's a fly, we will watch him, you and I;  
How he crawls up the walls, yet he never falls;  
I believe, with those six legs, you and I could walk on eggs;  
There he goes, on his toes, tickling baby's nose.

Spots of red dot his head; rainbows on his wings are spread;  
That small speck is his neck, see him nod and beck;  
I can show you, if you choose, where to look to find his shoes;  
Three small pairs, made of hairs, these be always wears.

Black and brown is his gown, he can wear it upside down;  
It's laced 'round his waist, I admire his taste;  
Pretty as his clothes are made, he will spoil them, I'm afraid,  
If to-night he gets sight of the candle-light

In the sun webs are spun, what if he gets Into one?  
When it rains he complains on the window panes.  
Tongues to talk have you and I-God has given the little fly  
Mo such things, so he sings with his buzzing wings.

He can eat bread and meat, see his mouth between his feet!  
On his back is a sack like a peddler's pack;  
Does the baby understand? then the fly shall kiss her band;  
Put a crumb on her thumb, maybe he will come.

'Round and 'round on the ground, on the ceiling be is found;  
Catch him? No; let him go; never hurt him so!  
Now you see his wings of silk drabbled in the baby's milk;  
Fie! oh fie! foolish fly! how will you get dry?

All wet flies twist their thighs; so they wipe their head and eyes;  
Cats, you know, wash just so; then their whiskers grow;  
Flies have hair too small to comb; flies go all bareheaded home;  
But the gnat wears a hat; do you laugh at that?

Flies can see more than we, so how bright their eyes must bet  
Little fly, mind your eye, spiders are near by;  
For a secret I can tell, spiders will not treat you well;  
Haste away, do not stay, little fly. good day I  
TRY, TRY AGAIN.

'Tis a lesson you should heed, try, try again;  
If at first you don't succeed, try, try again;  
Then your courage shall appear,  
For if you will persevere,  
Too will conquer, never fear, try, try again.

Once or twice though you should fail, try, try again;  
If at last you would prevail, try, try again;  
If we strive 'tis no disgrace;  
Though we may not win the race;  
What should you do in that case? try, try again.

If you find your task is hard, try, try again;  
Time will bring you your reward, try, try again;  
All that other folks can do,  
Why, with patience, may not you?  
Only keep this rule in view, try, try again.