

## KENTUCKY MOONSHINER

- 1 I've been a moonshiner for seventeen long years,  
I've spent all my money for whiskey and beers.  
I'll go to some holler, I'll put up my still,  
I'll make you one gallon for a two dollar bill.
- 2 I'll go to some grocery and drink with my friends,  
No women to follow to see what I spends.  
God bless those pretty women, I wish they were mine,  
Their breath smells as sweet as the dew on the vine.
- 3 I'll eat when I'm hungry and drink when I'm dry,  
If moonshine don't kill me, I'll live till I die.  
God bless those moonshiners, I wish they were mine,  
Their breath smells as sweet as the good old moonshine.

## MISTER FROG WENT A-COURTING

"In continuous use for four hundred years," L. W. Payne tells us in a forty-four page history of the song in Publication No. 5 of the Texas Folk Lore Society; he prints sixteen tunes and has many more. The following is a Kentucky and Virginia version, with text additions from Payne. "Ah-hah" can be "uhn-huhn," "eh-heh," "och-kungh" (like a bull frog) and, as you please.

Mis - ter Frog went a - court - ing, he did ride, ah - hah, ah - hah! Mis - ter  
Frog went a-court-ing, he did ride, a sword and pis - tol by his side, ah-hah, ah - hah!

- 1 Mister Frog went a-courting, he did ride, ah-hah, ah-hah!  
Mister Frog went a-courting, he did ride, a sword and a pistol by his side, ah-hah, ah-hah!
- 2 He rode up to Miss Mousie's door, ah-hah, ah-hah!  
He rode up to Miss Mousie's door, where he had often been before, ah-hah, ah-hah!
- 3 Now Uncle Rat when he came home says, "Who's been here since I been gone?"
- 4 "A very fine gentleman has been here who wishes me to be his dear."
- 5 Uncle Rat laughed and shook his side to think his niece would be a bride.
- 6 Uncle Rat on a horse he went to town to buy his niece a wedding gown.
- 7 Where shall the wedding supper be? Away down yonder in a hollow tree.
- 8 What shall the wedding supper be? Three green beans and a black-eyed pea.
- 9 Tell us, what was the bride dressed in? A cream gauze veil and a brass breastpin.
- 10 Tell us next what was the groom dressed in? Sky blue britches with silver stitches.
- 11 The first came in was a bumble bee, to play the fiddle upon his knee.
- 12 They all sat down and began to chat, when in walked the kitten and the cat.
- 13 Mrs. Cat she stepped to the supper and turned over the plate of butter.
- 14 Miss Mousie went a-tearing up the wall, her foot slipped and she got a fall.
- 15 They all went a-sailing across the lake, and they all were swallowed by a big black snake.
- 16 So here's the end of one, two, three, the cat, the frog and Miss Mousie.
- 17 There's bread and cheese upon the shelf, and if you want any just help yourself.