

Coulter's Candy

Mainly Robert Coltart (1832-1880)

C C F C C C F G

A - lly ba - lly a - lly ba - lly bee Si - ttin on yer ma - mmie`s knee

5 C C F C C C G C

Gree - tin for a - ni - ther baw - bie tae buy mair Coul - ter`s Can - dy

Whistle tune in D
9 played after song

D F# A A B A G B A D F# A A G F# E

14 D F# A A B A G B A A D F# A F# E D

CHORUS

*Ally bally ally bally bee, sittin on yer mammie`s knee
Greetin for anither bawbee, tae buy mair Coulter`s Candy.*

Poor wee Jeannie`s lookin afa thin, just a rickle o bains covered ower wi skin
Noo she`s gettin a wee double chin, wi sookin Coulter`s Candy.

Mammie gie me a thrifty doon, here`s auld Coulter comin roon
Wi a basket on his croon, sellin Coulter`s Candy.

Little Annie`s greetin tae, sae whit can poor wee mammy dae
But gie them a pennie atween them twae, tae buy mair Coulter`s Candy.

Willie grat baith lang and sair, till he got a penny to ware
Noo he`s tumblin doon the stair, to buy some Coulter`s Candy.

This well known song made up by Robert Coltart to promote his wares, so an early example of music and advertising. There are many more verses but the last one here is less well known. Again a good tune for xylophones playing the backing notes (letters given) or tune. Whistles can play the tune in the second key of D major.

Activity:

As individuals or groups make up words to the same tune but advertising their favourite food, toy, computer game. Create a poster to advertise your food or even invent a new kind of food to market.