

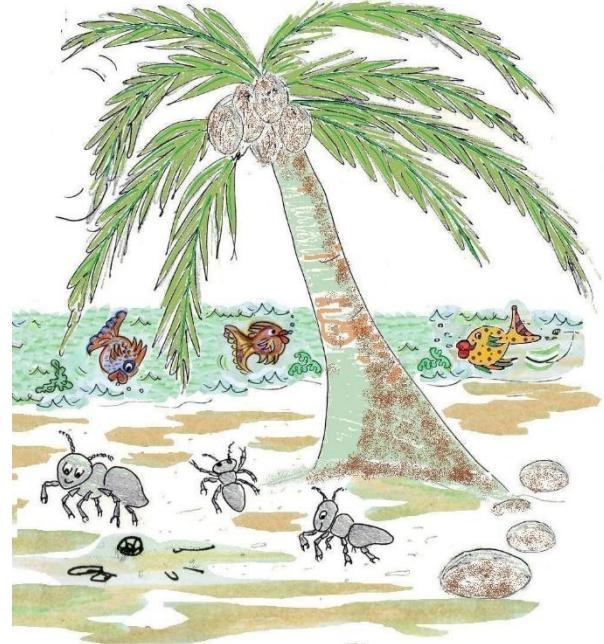
# Hill and gully rider

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A call and response song from Jamaica which was sung by workmen constructing new roads. In the 1970s I taught the children of first generation Jamaican immigrants in Handsworth, Birmingham and had great fun finding music like this from the West Indian tradition especially calypsos.

This one I learnt at my teacher training college in the late 1960s. It also features in BBC TV for Schools live 'Making Music' broadcast in Summer 1964. I have a feeling John Langstaff was involved in this series as it was included in his book 'Hi! Ho! The Rattlin' Bog' where he suggested singing it in two or three part harmony.

G C G C G  
Hill an' gully ride-a, hill an' gully, Hill an' gully ride-a, hill, an' gully. An' a  
ben' down, low down, hill an' gully, An' a low down, bes-sy down,  
hill an' gully, An' yuh bet-ter min' yuh tum-ble down, hill an' gully.



Hill an' gully rid-a, hill an' gully,  
Hill an' gully rid-a, hill an' gully.  
An' a ben down, low down, hill an' gully,  
An' a low down, bes-sy down, hill an' gully,  
An' yuh bet-ter min' yuh tum-ble down, hill an' gully.