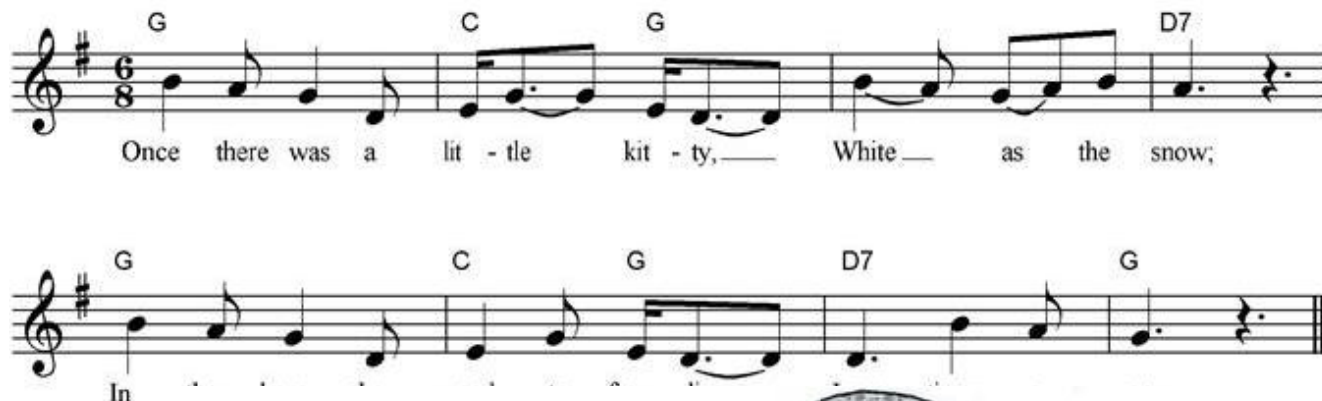


Long time ago / Kitty and mousie

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A traditional children's story song adapted from a poem by Elizabeth Payson-Prentiss. It was then collected, adapted and arranged by Alan and John A. Lomax. This tune is yet another gentler adaptation.



Once there was a little kitty, White as the snow;
In the barn she used to frolic, Long time ago.

In the barn a little mousie, Ran to and fro;
For she heard the kitty coming, Long time ago.

Two black eyes had little kitty, Black as a crow;
And they spied the little mousie, Long time ago.

Four soft paws had little kitty, Paws soft as snow;
And they caught the little mousie, Long time ago.

Nine pearl teeth had little kitty, All in a row;
And they bit the little mousie, Long time ago.

When the teeth bit little mousie, Mousie cried out, "Oh,"
But she slipped away from kitty, Long time ago.