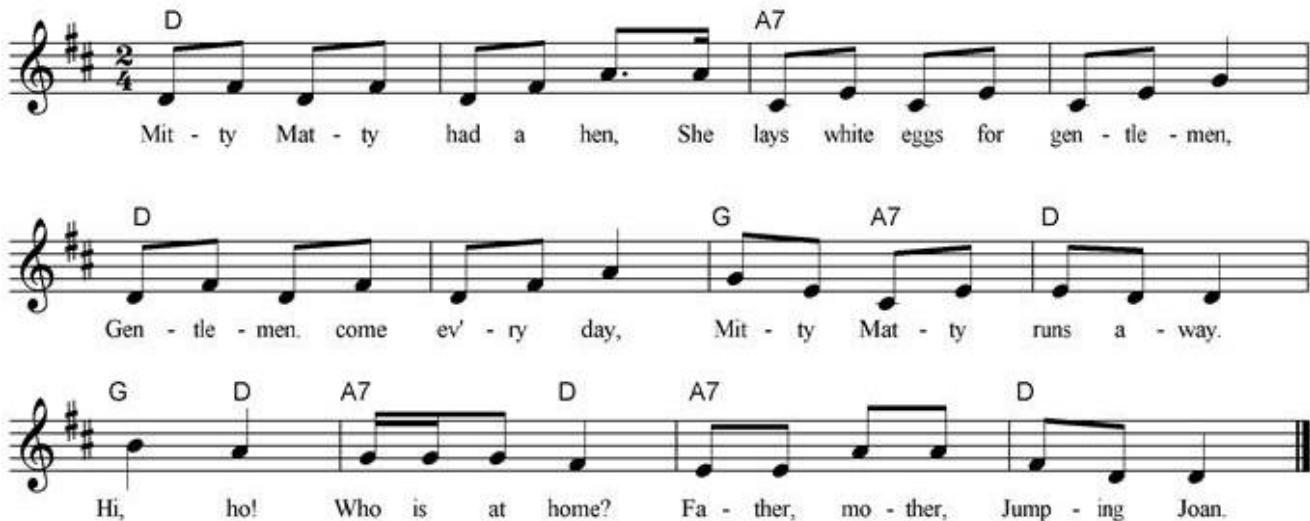


Mitty Matty had a hen

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A counting out (we called that dipping when we were young) rhyme from Ireland. This was collected by Henry Carrington Bolton and published in "The Counting-out Rhymes of Children" 1888. It was number 799 of 877 counting rhymes gathered from all around the world!

Traditionally it would have been chanted but I have added the tune of a similar Irish nursery rhyme.



Musical notation for 'Mitty Matty had a hen' in D major, 2/4 time. The notation is in three staves. The first staff starts with D and includes lyrics: 'Mit - ty Mat - ty had a hen, She lays white eggs for gen - tle - men,'. The second staff starts with D and includes lyrics: 'Gen - tle - men. come ev' - ry day, Mit - ty Mat - ty runs a - way.' The third staff starts with G and includes lyrics: 'Hi, ho! Who is at home? Fa - ther, mo - ther, Jump - ing Joan.' Chords indicated are A7 and G.



Mitty Matty had a hen,
She lays white eggs for gentlemen,
Gentlemen come every day,
Mitty Matty runs away.
Hi ho! Who is at home?
Father, mother, Jumping Joan.
O-U-T spells out,
Take off the latch and walk out.