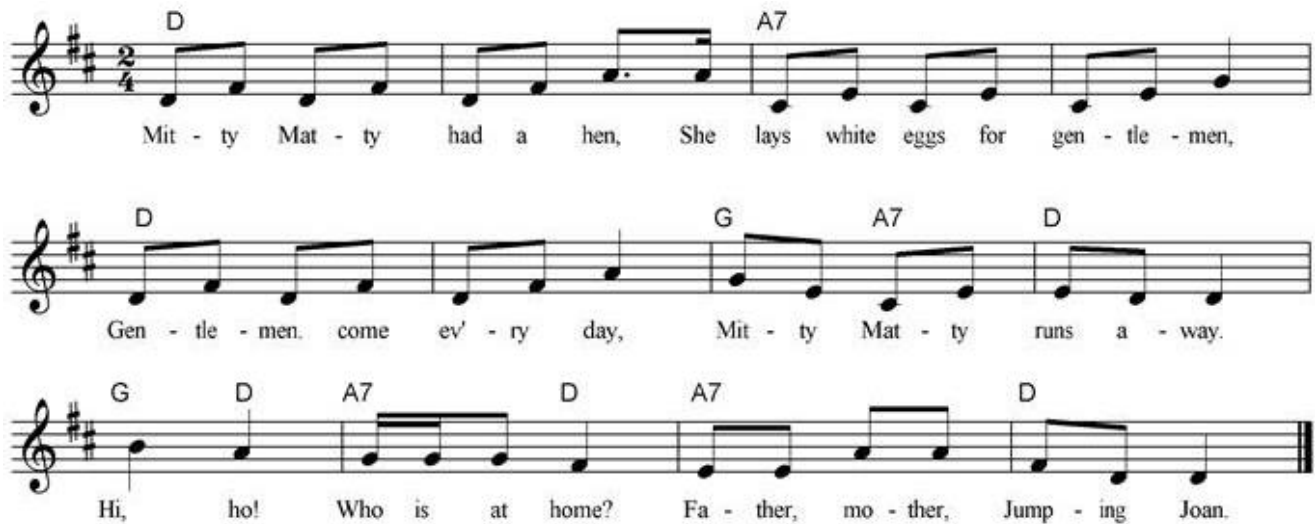


Mitty Matty had a hen

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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.



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.

