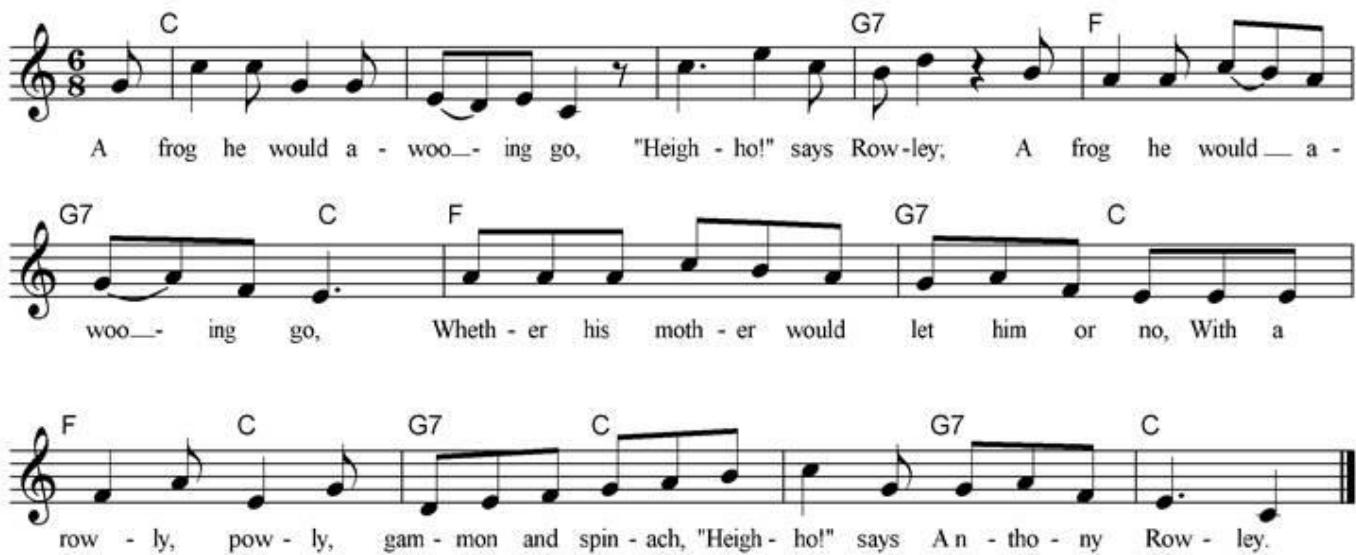


# A frog he would a-wooing go

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A very familiar song to those of my generation. This very old song can be found in '140 Folk songs' published in 1915. It has been suggested that its purpose was to satirize the rural gentry of Suffolk: Rowley, Poley, Bacon and Green were four families of Suffolk notables. ([Wikisource](#))



A frog he would a-wooing go, "Heigh-ho!" says Rowley; A frog he would a-wooing go, Wheth'er his mother would let him or no, With a rowly, powly, gammon and spinach, "Heigh-ho!" says Anthony Rowley.



A frog he would a-wooing go,  
"Heigh ho!" says Rowley;  
A frog he would a-wooing go,  
Wheth'er his mother would let him or no.  
With a rowly, powly, gammon, and spinach,  
"Heigh ho!" says Anthony Rowley.

So off he set with his opera hat,  
"Heigh ho!" says Rowley;  
So off he set with his opera hat,  
And on the road he met with a rat,  
With a rowly, powly, gammon, and spinach,  
"Heigh ho!" says Anthony Rowley.

They rode till they came to Mousey's Hall,  
"Heigh ho!" says Rowley;  
They rode till they came to Mousey's Hall,  
They gave a loud knock, and they gave a loud call.  
With a rowly, powly, gammon, and spinach,  
"Heigh ho!" says Anthony Rowley.

Pray, Mrs. Mouse, are you within?  
"Heigh ho!" says Rowley;  
Yes, kind sirs, I'm sitting to spin.  
With a rowly, powly, gammon, and spinach,  
"Heigh ho!" says Anthony Rowley.

Pray, Mr. Frog will you give us a song?  
"Heigh ho!" says Rowley;  
But let it be something that's not very long.  
With a rowly, powly, gammon, and spinach,  
"Heigh ho!" says Anthony Rowley.

She had not been sitting long to spin,  
"Heigh ho!" says Rowley;  
When the cat and the kittens came tumbling in.  
With a rowly, powly, gammon, and spinach,  
"Heigh ho!" says Anthony Rowley.

The cat she seized the Rat by the crown,  
"Heigh ho!" says Rowley;  
The kittens they pulled the little mouse down.  
With a rowly, powly, gammon, and spinach,  
"Heigh ho!" says Anthony Rowley.

This put Mr. Frog in a terrible fright;  
"Heigh ho!" says Rowley;  
He took up his hat and he wished them "Goodnight."  
With a rowly, powly, gammon, and spinach,  
"Heigh ho!" says Anthony Rowley.