

# Leatherwing Bat traditional

*Dm*                      *F*  
"Hi," said the little leatherwing bat,  
*C*                      *Am*  
"I'll tell you the reason that,  
*F*                      *Am(½)* *Am* *C*  
The reason that I fly by night,  
*Em*                      *Dm*  
is because I lost my heart's delight."

*Bb*                      *F*                      *G*                      *Dm*  
Howdy dowdy diddle um-day,    Howdy dowdy diddle um-day,  
*Bb*                      *F(½)*                      *G*    *G7*    *Dm(½)*    *Am(½)*    *G7/D(½)*    *Dm*  
Howdy dowdy diddle um day,        Lay lee lee lee li lee    lo.

"Hi," said the blackbird, sitting on a chair,  
"Once I courted a lady fair,  
She proved fickle and turned her back,  
And ever since then I've dressed in black."

"Hi," said the little turtle dove,  
"I'll tell you how to win her love.  
Court her night and court her day;  
never give her time to say 'oh nay!'"

"Hi," said the woodpecker, sittin' on a fence  
"Once I courted a handsome wench,  
She got scared and from me fled, and  
ever since then my head's been red."

"Hi," said the robin as he flew,  
"When I was young I had two.  
If one wouldn't love me, the other would.  
Don't you think my notion's good?"

"Hoot," said the owl with eyes so bright,  
"A lonesome day, a lonesome night.  
Thought I heard a pretty gal say,  
'court all night and sleep all day!'"

"Hi," said the bluejay 'n' away he flew,  
"If I were a young man I'd have two.  
If one were faithless and chanced to go,  
I'd add the other string to my bow."

"Hi," said the little leatherwing bat,  
"I'll tell you the reason that,  
The reason that I fly by night,  
is because I lost my heart's delight."