

Oh! Dear! What Can the Matter Be? traditional

C C C C
Oh, dear! What can the matter be?
G7 G7 G7 G7
Dear, dear! What can the matter be?
C C C C
Oh, dear! What can the matter be?
Dm G7 C C
Johnny's so long at the fair.

C G7 C C
He promised to buy me a trinket to please me
Dm Dm G7 G7
And then for a smile, oh, he vowed he would tease me
C G7 C C
He promised to buy me a bunch of blue ribbons
Dm G7 C C
To tie up my bonnie brown hair.

He promised to bring me a basket of posies
A garland of lilies, a gift of red roses
A little straw hat to set off the blue ribbons
That tie up my bonnie brown hair.

He promised to buy me a beautiful faring,
A gay bit of lace that the lassies are wearing
He promised he'd buy me a bunch of new ribbons
To tie up my bonnie brown hair.