

Johnny be fair

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John - ny is a son of mine and so — he's kin to you!

Well, Johnny be fair and Johnny be fine and wants me for to wed
 And I would marry Johnny, but my father up and said,
 I'm sad to tell you daughter what your mother never knew
 But Johnny is a son of mine and so he's kin to you.

Well, *Jimmy* be fair and Jimmy be fine and wants me for to wed...

Well, *Billy* be fair and Billy be fine and wants me for to wed...

[breaks] You never seen a girl so sad and sorry as I was
 The boys in town are all my kin and my father is the cause.
 If life should thus continue, I shall die a single miss
 And so, I'll go to mother and complain to her of this.

Oh daughter, haven't I taught you to forgive and to forget?
 You father may have sowed his oats, but still, you needn't fret:
 Your father may be father to all the boys in town, still
 He's *not* the one who sired you, so marry who you will!