

Common Bill

USA

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1. I'll tell you of a fel - low, a fel - low that I seen, he's
neith - er blue nor yel - low but he's al - to - geth - er green. He's
al - to - geth - er green, al - to - geth - er green, he's
neith - er blue nor ye - llow but he's al - to - geth - er green.

2. He wrote me a letter, I'll tell you what was in it,
he said, if I didn't marry him, he'd die in a minute.
Die in a minute, he'd die in a minute,
he said, if I didn't marry him he die in a minute.
3. He showed me the cottage down under those trees
an' don't ya think the greenhorn got down upon his knees.
Got down upon his knees, got down upon his knees,
an' don't ya think the greenhorn got down upon his knees.
4. His name, it isn't Charley, it's only common Bill,
he urges me to marry him but I hardly think I will.
I hardly think I will, I hardly think I will,
he urges me to marry him but I hardly think I will.
5. One day, he come to see me, he stayed an' he stayed,
I really thought the blockhead would never go away.
Would never go away, would never go away,
well, I really thought the blockhead would never go away.