

Everybody's Got a Finger in the Pie

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When a fel-ler falls in lovewith his lit-tle tur-tle dove, he will
lin-ger all a-round her un-til dawn. He will kiss her for her mo-ther,
for her
sis-ter, for her bro-ther til her dad-dy comes and kicks you out
the door. Pulls a
pis-tol from his pock-et, pulls the ham-mer for to
cock it, and he
that he brings. But his daugh-ter says he
must'-nt, 'tis'nt
load-ed so he does'nt So they're kiss-ing one an- other once a-gain. For the
old maids a-love it, and the wid-ow's not a-bove it, ev-ery-
bo-dy's got a fin-ger in the pie. The girls they are so haugh-ty
and they
say it's aw-ful naugh-ty but you bet your life they'll kiss you on the sly.

Verse 1.

When a feller falls in love with his little turtle dove,
He will linger all around her until dawn.
He will kiss her for her mother, for her sister, for her brother
'Til her daddy comes and kicks you out the door.
Pulls a pistol from his pocket, pulls the hammer for to cock it
And he [bal a bon a wen] that he brings.
But his daughter says he must'nt, 'tis'nt loaded so he doesn't,
So they're kissing on another once again.

Chorus

For the old maids a-love it and the widows not above it,
Everybody's got a finger in the pie.
The girls they are so haughty and they say it's awful naughty,
But you bet your life they'll kiss you on the sly.

Verse 2.

When a girl's sixteen, oh she thinks it's awful mean
If she can't get out sometime for to mash.
She'll pucker up her mouth in a very pretty pout,
As she fumbles underneath a big mustache.
She will make a feller shiver, she will make him pop a liver
She will tangle with him with mucilage glue.
And then if you will tell her you're some other girl's feller,
She will massacre your smeller if you do.

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Critical Commentary

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