A Hen, A Chick and a String Guitar

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Bm          A          Bm          A          Bm          D

Grand-pa gave me a cluck-ing red hen. ‘Cluck! Cluck! Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!’
Grand-ma gave me a quack-ing white duck. ‘Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack!’

A          Bm          A          Bm          D

Ay! Ay! Ay! What a fine hen! ‘Cluck! Cluck! Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!’
Ay! Ay! Ay! What a fine duck! ‘Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack!’

A          G          F♯7          Bm          A          Bm          D

One day that hen
One day that duck

Gave me a chick.
Gave me a duckling. I had a duck, and I had a duckling.
I had a hen. And I had a chick.

Bm          F♯7          Bm

Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! How I loved my two little pets!

Bm          Cm

How I loved my four little pets!

Bb          Cm          Bb          Cm          Bb          Cm

Uncle gave me a purring yellow cat. ‘Purr! Purr! Purr!’ Ay! Ay! Ay! What a fine cat!
Auntie gave me a barking black dog. ‘Wooof! Wooof! Wooof! Wooof!’ Ay! Ay! Ay! What a fine dog!
'Purr! Purr! Purr!' One day that cat
Gave me a kitten. I had a cat, And

'Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!' One day that dog
Gave me a puppy. I had a dog, And

I had a kitten. [2nd time only] I had a duck. I had a duckling. I had a hen.
I had a puppy. I had a cat. I had a kitten.

I had a chick. Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! How I loved my six little pets!
How I loved my eight little pets!

A Little Faster

Brother gave me a bleating white sheep.
Sister gave me an oinking pink pig.


One day that sheep gave me a lamb. I had a sheep. And I had a lamb. A dog... a puppy. A
One day that pig gave me a piglet. I had a pig. And I had a piglet. A
cat...a kitten, A duck...a duckling, A hen...a chick. Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! How I loved my ten little pets! sheep...a lamb, A dog...a puppy, A cat...a kitten, A duck...a duckling. I had a hen I had a chick, Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! How I loved my twelve little pets! Faster Moth-er gave me a Father gave me an moo-ing brown cow, 'Moo! Moo! Moo!' AY! AY! AY! What a fine cow! 'Moo! Moo! Moo!' neigh-ing grey horse, 'Neigh! Neigh! Neigh!' AY! AY! AY! What a fine horse! 'Neigh! Neigh! Neigh!' One day that cow gave me a calf, I had a cow And I had a calf. A pig...a piglet, A sheep...a lamb. A One day that horse gave me a colt, I had a horse And I had a colt. A cow...a calf! A pig...a piglet! A
dog... a puppy, A cat... a kitten, A duck... a duckling, A hen... a chick, 
sheep... a lamb! A dog... a puppy! A cat... a kitten! A duck... a duckling! I had a hen, And I had a chick, 

Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! How I loved my fourteen pets! 
How I loved my sixteen pets! 

My friend gave me a little guitar! 'Plunk! Plunk! Plunk! Plunk! Plunk! Plunk!' 

Ay! Ay! Ay! What a fine guitar! 'Plunk! Plunk! Plunk! Plunk! Plunk! Plunk!' And 

every time I played my guitar, My pets all came from near and far, The 

horse danced And the colt danced! The cow danced And the calf danced! The pig danced And the 

piglet danced! The sheep danced And the lamb danced! The dog danced And the puppy danced, The
cat danced And the kitten danced! The duck danced And the duckling danced! The hen danced And the chick danced! They all danced And I danced too! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! How I love all of my pets!

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