



Oh, Dear! What Can the Matter Be?

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CHORUS

Oh, Dear! What can the mat-ter be? Dear, dear! What can the mat-ter be? Oh, Dear!

What can the mat-ter be? John-ny's so long at the fair. 1.He pro-mised to buy me a 2.He pro-mised to bring me a

trin-ket to please me, And then for a smile, oh, he vowed he would tease me, He bas-ket of po-sies A gar-land of lil-ies, a gift of red ro-ses A

pro-mised to bring me a bunch of red ro-ses to tie up my bon-nie brown hair. lit-tle straw hat to set off the blue rib-bons That tie up my bon-nie brown hair.

Two older verses from Wikipedia.com:

He promised he'd buy me a fairing should please me,
And then for a kiss, oh! he vowed he would tease me,
He promised he'd bring me a bunch of blue ribbons,
To tie up my bonny brown hair.

He promised he'd bring me a bunch of blue ribbons.
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To tie up my bonny brown hair.

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