

Blue Tail Fly (Jimmy Crack Corn)

Dan Emmett, 1840s

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some dotted rhythms. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines.

D G D A7

When I was young I used to wait on mas-ter and give him his plate, and

D G A7 D

5 pass the wa-ter when he got dry, And brush a-way the blue tail fly.

A7 D

9 Jim-my crack corn and I don't care, Jim-my crack corn and I don't care,

G A7 D

13 Jim-my crack corn and I don't care, My mas-ter's gone a - way.