

Shortenin' Bread (D)

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Lyrics

[chorus]

Mama's little baby loves shortenin', shortenin',
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[verses]

Three little children, lyin' in bed
Two were sick and the other 'most dead
Sent for the doctor and the doctor said,
Feed those children on shortnin' bread

When those children, sick in bed,
Heard that talk about shortenin' bread,
They popped up well and started to sing
Skipped 'round the room doing the pigeon wing.

Put on the skillet, slip on the lid,
Mama's gonna make a little shortenin' bread.
That ain't all she's gonna do,
Mama's gonna make a little coffee, too.

Slip to the kitchen, slip up the led,
Filled my pockets full of shortenin' bread;
Stole the skillet, stole the led,
Stole the gal makin' shortenin' bread.

Caught me with the skillet, caught me with the led,
Caught me with the gal makin' shortenin' bread;
Paid six dollars for the skillet, six dollars for the led,
Spent six months in jail eatin' shortenin' bread.

Definitions

shortenin' bread - made of cornmeal or flour with lard shortening
led - an attachment that assisted in pulling up a window