

SUGGESTED TONGUE TWISTERS

Whether the Weather

Whether the weather be fine, or whether the weather be not, **W**hether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot, **W**e'll weather the weather whatever the weather, **W**hether we like it or not.

Big Blue Bug

(Repeat three times as fast as you can.) The big blue bug bit a big black bear And made the big black bear bleed blood.

FUTURE RESERVATIONS

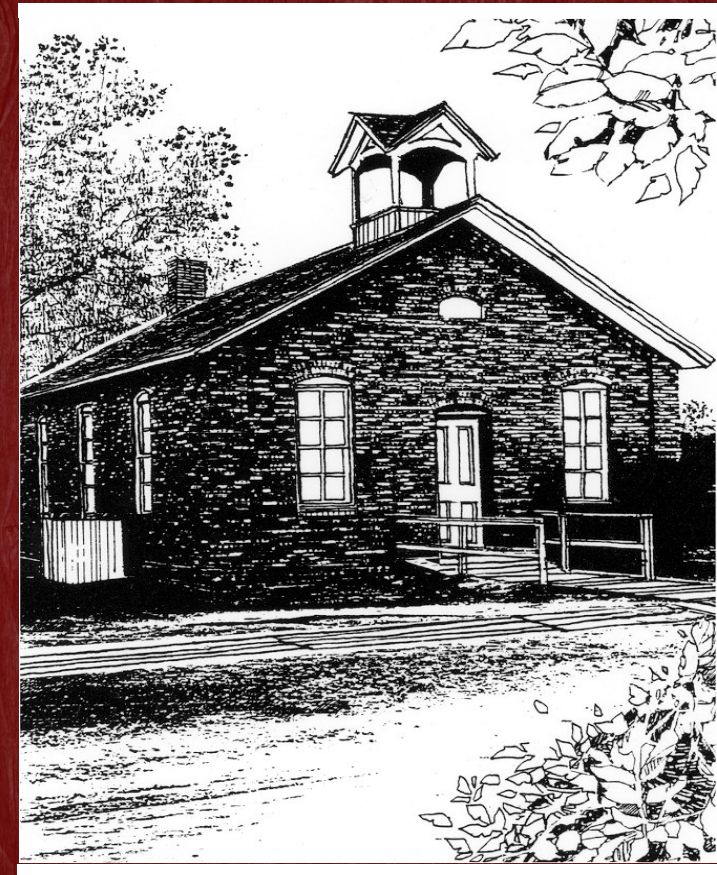
Reservations can be made starting September 15th of the current year for any session dates in the following year. Reservations will be accepted through March 1st of the session year. Session dates are April—June of the current year. If you have questions, please contact our reservations office at 810.736.7100, ext. 6 or 800.648.PARK between 8am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Thank you for your interest in the Stanley School House program and we hope you enjoy your 1880's experience.



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STANLEY SCHOOL HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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STANLEY SCHOOL HOUSE

SCHOOL DAY

Welcome to Crossroads Village's Stanley School House program. The Stanley School House is a one-room school, originally located just outside of Crossroads Village on Bray Rd, it was used by students from 1883-1963.

There is a little known about this American folk song. It seems to be completely anonymous and some believe it to be of African American origin. This song was one of the most performed songs of minstrels and every troupe sang it and every audience loved it! Just before the Civil War this song was heard in every theater, on every riverboat and in every town. During the 1880's, this song became one of the favorites among college glee clubs and later on the "preferred" list of barbershop quartets. It is one of our All-American nonsense songs of today

POLLY WOLLY DOODLE (1855)

Oh, I went down South for to see my gal.
Singin' polly wolly doodle all the day.
For my Sally she was a spunky gal.
Sing polly wolly doodle all the day.

CHORUS

Fare thee well, fare thee well fare thee well,
my fairy fay. For I'm off to Lou'siana for to see
my Susy Anna, singin' polly wolly doodle all
the day. Oh, a grasshopper sat on a railroad
track.

Singin' polly wolly doodle all the day.

Was a-pickin' his teeth with a
carpet tack. Sing polly wolly
doodle all the day.

"Cause me feet stuck out for a chicken roost."

Sing polly wolly doodle all the day.

I could swear I heard that ol' chicken sneeze.

Sing polly wolly doodle all the day. An' he

sneezed so hard with the hoopin' cough

singin' polly wolly doodle all the day. That he

sneezed his head an' his tail right off, sing

polly wolly doodle all the day.

My Western Home (Home, Home on the Range, 1873)

Oh give me a home where the buffalo roam,
where the deer and the antelope play, where
seldom is heard a discouraging word, and the
skies are not cloudy all day.

Home, home on the range where the deer
and the antelope play, where seldom is heard
a discouraging word and the skies are not
cloudy all day. How often at night when the
heavens are bright with the light of the glit-
tering stars; I stood there amazed and I asked
as I gazed If their glory exceeds that of ours.

Dr. Brewster Higley wrote the words for this song and another Kansas' homesteader, Dan Kelly, wrote the music. Dr. Higley lived some twenty miles from Dan Kelly, who was known as the best guitar player in and around Smith County. They gave it the title "My Western Home." Since Higley and Kelly failed to copyright and publish their song, people learned the words and music by rote; hence, several variations appeared. This song was F. D. Roosevelt's favorite song. It has often been referred to as the "Cowboy's National Anthem." In 1947, "My Western Home" ("Home, Home on the Range") became the official state song of Kansas.

Suggested Reading

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