

# Iko Iko

(a.k.a. "Jock-A-Mo")

Words & Music:  
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*Per Wikipedia (an excellent read!), this song was written in New Orleans in 1953 and tells the tale of a parade collision between two groups of "Mardi Gras Indians". It is much-covered and so familiar that most people think it is a traditional folk song. It's nice to know the actual origins. This call & response tune is a great one for making up one's own verses.*

DA  
My grandma and your grandma were sittin' by the fire.  
AD  
My grandma told your grandma, "I'm gonna set your flag on fire."

CHORUS:

D  
Talkin' 'bout hey now, hey now! Hey now, hey now!  
DA  
Iko, iko unday.  
A  
Jockamo feeno ai nané.  
AD  
Jockamo fee nané.

Look at my king all dressed in red. Iko, iko, unday.  
I betcha five dollars he'll kill you dead. Jockamo fee nané.

CHORUS:

My flag boy and your flag boy were sittin' by the fire.  
My flag boy told your flag boy, "I'm gonna set your flag on fire."

CHORUS:

See that guy all dressed in green. Iko, iko, unday.  
He's not a man, he's a lovin' machine. Jockamo fee nané.

CHORUS: