

# It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo' (original version)

Words & Music:  
Wendall Hall

*Wow. Find one recording and you are introduced to a whole new set of takes on a simple song. This is the version I transcribed from the Wendall Hall 1920s recording (believed to be 1923 or 1924) I found. I've also included some of the many lyric variations below. Have fun!*

The butterfly flits on wings of gold and the June Bug wings of flame.  
The bedbug has no wings at all, but it gets there just the same.

CHORUS:

C  
Oh, it ain't gonna rain no more, no more.

G7  
It ain't gonna rain no more.

G7  
But how in the world can the old folks tell

G7 C  
It ain't a-gonna rain no mo'?

Well, a bullfrog sittin' on a lily pad, lookin' up at the sky.  
The old lily pad broke and the frog fell in, water all in his eye.

CHORUS:

Oh, the mosquito, he fly high, mosquito, he fly low.  
If old Mr. Skeeter light on me, he ain't a-gonna fly no mo'.

CHORUS:

Say, I saw a sign in a hardware store: "Boy wanted, sixteen years".  
Now, that's too long to wait for a boy, it brings eyes to my tears.

CHORUS:

Well, I went to call on Susie and she met me at the door.  
Her shoes & stockings in her hand and her feet all over the floor.

CHORUS:

Well, a man laid down by the sewer, um-hmm, & by the sewer, he died.  
Now, at the coroner's inquest, um-hmm, they called it "Sewer-cide".

CHORUS:

Well, little black & white animal out in the woods; now, ain't that little cat pretty?  
Well, I went right over to pick it up, but it wasn't that kind of a kitty.

CHORUS:

## Additional lyric variations for "It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo'"

### CHORUS VARIATIONS:

It ain't gonna rain no mo' no mo', It ain't gonna rain no mo'.  
But how in the heck can you wash your neck if it ain't gonna rain no mo'.

OR:

It isn't going to rain anymore, anymore, it isn't going to rain anymore,  
The grammar's good but the songs a bore, so we'll sing it like before

### VERSE VARIATIONS:

The night was dark and dreary, and the air was full of leaks(??)  
Well the old man stood out in the storm and his shoes were full of feet.

Well, here's a verse about a man and a trombone. Well, the words to it are few.  
He blew, he blew, he blew, he blew; he blew, he blew, he blew.

The shades of night were falling fast, when for a kiss he asked her.  
She must have answered yes because the shades came down still faster.

Well, Mary had a brand new Ford, she liked it very well.  
She drove it in to a telephone pole and now it looks like ... rain

A golf ball sailing through the air went by a man a humming.  
He heard the caddy holler, "Fore!", and thought three more were comin'.

On mules, we find two legs behind and two we find before.  
We stand behind before we find what the two behind be for.

Well, Sally had a little mule, she called him "Gentle Abel".  
One day she tried to pull his tail and he kicked her in the stable.

Peanut sittin' on a railroad track, it's heart was all a-flutter.  
The train came roarin' round the bend; "WOO! WOO!" - peanut butter.

OR:

A peanut sittin' on a railroad track, his heart was all a-flutter.  
Along came engine number ten, "Toot-toot!" - peanut butter.

This song is almost over, we're goin for a ride  
If you want to hear us sing some more, just play the other side!

Rich man rides in a taxi, poor man rides on a train,  
A hobo he just walks the tracks, but he gets there just the same.

How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?  
If you put a saw in his tiny paw, a ton of wood he could!