

Shortnin' Bread

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traditional Negro plantation song, earliest reference 1915

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**Short'Nin' Bread
(Traditional Plantation Song)**

**Two little babies, lying in bed
One was sick and the other 'most dead
Sent for the doctor and the doctor said
"Give those children some shortnin' bread."**

Chorus:

**Mama's little baby loves shortnin', shortnin'
Mama's little baby loves shortnin' bread
Mama's little baby loves shortnin', shortnin'
Mama's little baby loves shortnin' bread**

**Put on the skillet, slip on the lid
Mama's gonna bake a little short'nin' bread
This ain't all she's gonna do
Mama's gonna make a little coffee, too.**

CHORUS

**When those children, sick in bed
Heard that talk about short'nin' bread
Popped up well, to dance and sing
Skipped around and cut the pigeon wing.**

CHORUS

**slipped in the Kitchen, slipped up the lid
Slipped my pocket full of shortnin' bread
Stole the skillet, stole the lid
Stole the gal to make shortnin' bread**

CHORUS

**Caught with the skillet, caught with the lid
Caught with the gal makin' shortnin' bread
Paid 6 dollars for the skillet, 6 dollars for the lid
Spent 6 months in jail eatin' shortnin' bread...**

CHORUS