

# Lesson 4: Shortnin' Bread (First Variation)

Here's the basic melody of *Shortnin' Bread*:

Three lit - tle chil - dren ly - in' in bed, Two were sick and the o - ther'most dead.

In the arrangement below, a **low c** note is used to fill the rhythmic gaps in the melody, creating a simple – but effective – self-accompaniment. With practise, your ukulele will sound like two instruments at once!

Traditional American

1. Three lit - tle chil - dren ly - in' in bed,

3 Two were sick and the o - ther'most dead.

5 Sent for the do - ctor, do - ctor he said

7 "Feed those ba - bies on short - nin' bread."

9 Ma - ma's lit - tle ba - by loves short - nin' short - nin'

11 Ma - ma's lit - tle ba - by loves short - nin' bread.