1) Three little children ly-in' in bed.
2) Put on the skill-et, slip on the lid,
3) When those__ children, sick in the bed,
4) I slip to the kitchen, slip up the lid,
5) Got caught with the skill-et, got caught with the lid,

Two were sick and the other 'most dead.
Mama's gonna make a little short-nin' bread.
Heard that talk about short-nin' bread.
Filled my pocket full o' short-nin' bread.
Got caught with the gal mak-in' short-nin' bread.

Sent for the doctor and the doctor said, "Give those children some
That ain't all she's gonna do, Mama's gonna make a little
Popped up well to dance and sing, Skipped around do-ing the
Stole the__ skill-et, stole the lid, Stole the gal mak-in'
Six dollars for the skill-et, six for the lid, Six months in jail eatin'
Shortnin' Bread

[Chorus]

short-nin' bread."
Ma-ma's lit-tle ba-by loves short-nin', short-nin',
cof-fee, too.
pi-geon wing.
short-nin' bread.
short-nin' bread.

Mama's lit-tle ba-by loves short-nin' bread.
Mama's lit-tle ba-by loves short-nin', short-nin',
Mama's lit-tle ba-by loves short-nin' bread.
Mama's lit-tle ba-by loves short-nin', short-nin',
Mama's lit-tle ba-by loves short-nin' bread.