

## Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me

Words by Billy Reeves  
Music by Frank Campbell

Shoo. fly. don't both- er me! Shoo. fly. don't both- er me! Shoo. fly. don't  
both- er me. I be- long to some- bo- dy. I feel. I feel. I  
feel like a morning star. I feel. I feel. I feel like a morning star.

### History

This comic song, from the minstrel stage, was written by Billy Reeves and Frank Campbell, and published 1869. It soon became a popular play party, and remains a well-known song for kids today. In the original lyrics, the last line of the first part was "I belong to Company G." Company G was one of the black regiments that fought for the Union in the Civil War.

For instructions for the play party, go to page 138.

**W**e are a merry crowd, while I am journalizeing one of the company is playing the violin which sounds delightful way out here. My accordion is also good, as I carry it in the carriage and play as we travel.

*Amelia Hadley, 1851*