

CHEWING GUM

Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Randolph dates back to 1890's; **CATEGORY:** Fiddle and Instrumental Tunes; **RECORDING INFO:** Uncle Dave Macon; Carter Family; Legendary J. E. Mainer; New Lost City Ramblers; **NOTES:** This song is still popular in the Appalachian mountain regions.

Ma - ma sent me to the spring, she told me not to stay;
 Fell in love with a pret - ty lit - tle girl, could not get a - way.
Chorus
 Chaw - ing chew - ing gum, — chew - ing chaw - ing gum.

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A **E7**
 Mama sent me to the spring
A
 She told me not to stay
E7
 I fell in love with a pretty little girl
A
 Could not get away

Chorus:

A **D** **E7** **A**
 Chawin' chewin' gum, chewin' chawin' gum
A **D** **E7** **A**
 Chawin' chewin' gum, chewin' chawin' gum

A **E7**
 First she give me peaches
A
 Then she give me pears
E7
 Then she give me fifty cents
A
 Kissed me on the stairs

Mama don't 'low me to whistle
 Papa don't 'low me to sing
 They don't want me to marry
 I'll marry just the same

I wouldn't have a lawyer
 I'll tell you the reason why
 Every time he opens his mouth
 He tells a great big lie

I wouldn't have a doctor
 I'll tell you the reason why
 He rides all over the country
 Makes the people die

I took my girl to church last night
 How do you reckon she done
 She walked right up to the preacher's face
 And chewed her chewing gum