

Burl Ives, The Ugly Bug Ball

Once a lonely caterpillar sat and cried,
to a sympathetic beetle by his side.
"I've got nobody to hug,
I'm such an ugly bug."

Then a spider and a dragon fly replied,
"If you're serious and want to win a bride,
come along with us,
to the glorious
annual ugly bug ball."

Come on let's crawl
gotta crawl, gotta crawl
to the ugly bug ball
to the ball, to the ball
and a happy time we'll have there
one and all
at the ugly bug ball

While the crickets clicked their tricky melodies
all the ants were fancy-dancing with the fleas
then up from under the ground
the worms came squirming around

Oh they danced until their legs were nearly lame
every little crawling creature you could name
everyone was glad
what a time they had
they were so happy they came

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Then our caterpillar saw a pretty queen
she was beautiful in yellow, black and green
he said, "Would you care to dance?"
their dancing led to romance.

and she sat upon his caterpillar knees
and he gave his caterpillar queen a squeeze
soon they'll honeymoon
build a big cocoon
thanks to the ugly bug ball

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at the ugly bug ball!