

# 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  
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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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