Back about eighteen hundred And some a Louisiana couple had a red headed son No name suited him, Jim, Jack or Joe They just called him Billy Bayou

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Billy was a boy kinda big for a size Red hair and freckles and big blue eyes Thirteen years from the day he was born Bill fought the battle of the little big horn

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One sad day Billy cried
"Hoho, I can whip the feathers of Geronimo"
He smarted off the chief got mad
This nearly ended our Louisiana lad

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One day in 1878 a pretty girl Walked through Billy's front gate He didn't know whether to stand there or run He would up married 'cause he did weighter one

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