“Buffalo” Gals
by John Hodges (1844)

The song's name “Buffalo” comes from the city of Buffalo, NY, the most well-known version. However, any location's name can be substituted in the title.

Chorus:

C                                                                 G7                        C
Buffalo gals, won't you come out tonight, come out tonight, come out tonight
C                                                                     G7                                  C
Buffalo gals, won't you come out tonight and dance by the light of the moon.

C                                                G7                      C
As I was walking down the street, down the street, down the street,
C                                                         G7                   C
A pretty little gal I chanced to meet, oh, she was fair to see.

Chorus (change to “San Jose” gals)

C                                                  G7                       C
I stopped her and we had a talk, had a talk, had a talk,
C                                                       G7                     C
Her feet took up the whole sidewalk and left no room for me.

Chorus

C                                                G7                      C
I asked her if she'd have a dance, have a dance, have a dance,
C                                                         G7                      C
I thought that I might have a chance to shake a foot with her.

Chorus

C                                                                 G7                        C
I danced with a gal with a hole in her stockin', her heel kept a-knockin' and her toes kept a-rockin'
C                                                        G7                          C
I danced with a gal with a hole in her stockin' and we danced by the light of the moon

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