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W'y, wunst they wuz a Little Boy went out
In the woods to shoot a Bear. So, he went out
'Way in the grea'-big woods--he did.--An' he
Wuz goin' along--an' goin' along, you know,
An' purty soon he heerd somepin' go "Wooh!"--
Ist thataway--"Woo-oo!" An' he wuz skeered,
He wuz. An' so he runned an' climbed a tree--
A grea'-big tree, he did,--a sicka-more tree.
An' nen he heerd it ag'in: an' he looked round,
An' 't'uz a Bear!--a grea'-big shore-nuff Bear!--
No: 't'uz two Bears, it wuz--two grea'-big Bears--
One of 'em wuz--ist one's a grea'-big Bear.--
But they ist boff went "Wooh!"--An' here they come
To climb the tree an' git the Little Boy
An' eat him up!

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