

## The Leather Bottell

1. The bo - ttle was made of the old cow's hide, Was tho-rough-ly stitched on  
 e - ve - ry side, Was stitched with - out and pitched with - in, All  
 for to hold — good li - - quors in, God bless the cow and the  
 old cow's hide, And all the good things in the world be - side, And I  
 hope his soul in heav - en may dwell, Who first in - vent - ed the  
 lea - ther bott - ell. (Variations of bar 2)

2. Now when the bottle is growed old,  
 And will no longer good liquor hold,  
 Out of the sides you can cut a clout,  
 To mend your shoe when it is worn out,  
 And then you hangs him on a pin,  
 All for to keep nails and odd things in,  
 God bless the cow and the old cow's hide,  
 And all the good things in the world beside,  
 And I hope his soul in heaven may dwell,  
 Who first invented the leather bottell.

Sharp's comment "A very common song in Gloucestershire when he was a boy. Cannot remember intermediate verses."

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