

## Milking Pails

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song 'Milking Pails'. The first staff is in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics: '1. Oh, buy me a pair of mil - - king pails, mo - - ther,'. The second staff is in 9/8 time and contains the lyrics: 'mo - ther. Oh buy me a pair of mil - king pails. Gen - tle sweet mo-ther of mine.' The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

2. Oh, where's the money to come from? etc

3. Sell my father's feather bed, etc.

4. Oh, where's your father to sleep, then? etc

5. Oh, put him in the servant's bed, etc

6. Oh, where's the servant to sleep, then? etc

7. Put her in the pigsty, etc

8. Oh, where's the pig to sleep, then? etc

9. Oh, put him in the washtub, etc

10. Oh, what am I to wash in? etc

11. Oh, wash in the thimble, etc

Singing game: The children stand in two rows facing each other, advancing and retreating alternately as they sing. At the word "thimble", the line chosen as mothers make for the others, who run away.

Source: Sung by Mrs C S Neal, Glebe Farm, Aston-sub-Edge. Collected by James Madison Carpenter between 1927 and 1935.