

The Farmer's in the Dell.

1. The far - mer's in his dell. The far - mer's in his dell. _____

Fai - - ry O _____ Fai - - ry O The far - mer's in his dell.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first two lines of the song, with lyrics: "1. The far - mer's in his dell. The far - mer's in his dell. _____". The second staff contains the next two lines of the song, with lyrics: "Fai - - ry O _____ Fai - - ry O The far - mer's in his dell." The music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes with some rests.

In a ring [h.j.=hands joined?], dancing round, with the farmer in the middle (A).

2. The farmer takes a wife.(B) (B [j.h.=joins hands?] with A).
3. The wife takes a child.(C) (C [joins hands?] with A and B).
4. The child takes a nurse. (Joins with the rest).
5. The nurse takes a dog. (Joins with the rest).
6. The dog takes a bone. (Joins with the rest).
7. The bone stands alone. (all run back into ring again except the last one - bone).

Source: Sung by children at Stow-on-the-Wold on July 29th 1909. Collected by Cecil Sharp.

Notes: The original 3rd verse, omitted above, reads "The wife takes a [nurse](deleted) wife C.
(C j h with A & B)"