

The Spotty Cow

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1. One Morn-in' in the month of May, I from my cot did stray; just at the dawn-in' of the day I met with a come-ly maid just at the dawn-in' of the day I met with a come-ly maid

2. "Good morn-in', fair maid, we-ther(wither)" said I, "so ear-ly? Come tell me now" The maid re-plied; "Kind Sir", she say, "I've lost my spot-ted cow" The maid re-plied; "Kind sir", she says, "I've lo-st my spot-ted cow"

3. "No lon-ger weep, no lo-nger mourn; your cow {is/it's} not lost, my fa-yar(fair). No lon-ger weep no lo-nger mourn; your cow {is/it's} not lost my fa-yar(fair). For I saw her down in {yon-ders/yonder} grove; come, love, and I'll show you fa-yar(fair). For I saw her down in {yon-ders/yonder} grove; come, love, and I'll show you wa-yar(where).

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Notes: *1 or d (more seldom)

*2 or A

*3 or e

Segno sign: Granger notes "Such repeats as the 4 bars following this sign, Miss Hawker not unseldom introduced also into the 1 of 2 verses."

Comely is also spelt throughout as shown and with 'u's under the 'o' implying cumely as perhaps a pronoun

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