

## Farmer in his Den

1. The far - mer in his den. \_\_\_\_\_ the far - mer in his den. \_\_\_\_\_

B. I O, O, the far - - mer in his den. \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics '1. The far - mer in his den. \_\_\_\_\_ the far - mer in his den. \_\_\_\_\_'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'B. I O, O, the far - - mer in his den. \_\_\_\_\_'. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata.

2. The farmer takes a wife (A takes another girl into ring while all the rest walk round.)
3. The wife takes a child (A takes another)
4. The child takes a nurse (A takes another)
5. The nurse takes a dog (A takes another)

All now stand still and pat the head of the dog.  
The dog stays in ring as farmer and rest begin again.

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