

the Farmer in the Dell

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The farm - er in the dell, the farm - er in the dell,
Hi - ho, the derry - o, the farm - er in the dell,

The image shows two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the first two lines of the song, and the second staff contains the next two lines. The tempo is marked as a dotted quarter note equals 100.

2. The farmer takes a wife, the farmer takes a wife,
Hi ho, the derry-o, the farmer takes a wife.

3. The wife takes a child, *etc.*

4. The child takes a dog, *etc.*

5. The dog takes a cat, *etc.*

6. The cat takes a mouse, *etc.*

7. The mouse takes a cheese, *etc.*

8. The cheese stands alone, *etc.*



Game

All friends stand in a circle, choose one friend to be a Farmer. The Farmer walks around the inside of the circle as everyone sings the first verse. At the end of the verse, the Farmer stops in front of a friend and pulls them into the circle with them as the "wife". They then walk hand in hand during the second verse, at the end of that verse the "wife" brings a friend in as a "child" and so on until the "cheese stands alone" verse. During this last verse, all the inside circle friends except "cheese" go back to their spots as the cheese stands alone in the middle of the circle. At the end of the last verse, the "cheese" becomes the "Farmer" and the game begins again!