

The Farmer In The Dell

Words & Music:
Traditional

C
The farmer in the dell. The farmer in the dell.

C G7 C
Hi-ho! The dairy-o! The farmer in the dell.

The farmer takes a wife. The farmer takes a wife.
Hi-ho! The dairy-o! The farmer takes a wife.

The wife takes a child. The wife takes a child.
Hi-ho! The dairy-o! The wife takes a child.

The child takes a nurse. The child takes a nurse.
Hi-ho! The dairy-o! The child takes a nurse.

The nurse takes a dog. The nurse takes a dog.
Hi-ho! The dairy-o! The nurse takes a dog.

The dog takes a cat. The dog takes a cat.
Hi-ho! The dairy-o! The dog takes a cat.

The cat takes a rat. The cat takes a rat.
Hi-ho! The dairy-o! The cat takes a rat.

The rat takes the cheese. The rat takes the cheese.
Hi-ho! The dairy-o! The rat takes the cheese.

The cheese stands alone. The cheese stands alone.
Hi-ho! The dairy-o! The cheese stands alone.

GAME:

All in a circle with "The Farmer" in the middle.

During the first verse, "The Farmer" chooses "A Wife" to enter the circle.

During the second verse, "A Child" is chosen, etc.

During the last verse, all rejoin the circle except for "The Cheese" -- who remains alone in the middle of the circle.