

The farmer's in his den

Musical score for 'The farmer's in his den' in 2/4 time. The score consists of three staves. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is: 1. The far - mer's in his den, The. The second staff continues: far - mer's in his den. Eee - aye -. The third staff continues: ee - aye The far - mer's in his den. Chords are indicated above the notes: C, F, C, C, G, F, G, C, G7, C.

The farmer's in his den,
 The farmer's in his den,
 E I E I O - The farmer's in his den.
(with one child in the centre of a circle)

The farmer wants a wife,
 The farmer wants a wife,
 E I E I O - The farmer wants a wife.
(the farmer picks a wife)

The wife wants a child,
 The wife wants a child,
 E I E I O - The wife wants a child.
(the wife picks a child)

The child wants a nurse,
 The child wants a nurse,
 E I E I O - The child wants a nurse.
(the child picks a nurse)

The nurse wants a dog,
 The nurse wants a dog,
 E I E I O - The nurse wants a dog.
(the nurse picks a dog)

The dog wants a bone,
 The dog wants a bone,
 E I E I O - The dog wants a bone.
(the dog picks a bone)

We all pat the bone,
 We all pat the bone,
 E I E I O - We all pat the bone.



Number of players : any

Type of game : sing

Description :

Stand in a circle holding hands. Choose one player to be the farmer. The farmer stands in the middle of the circle and everyone sings:

"The farmer's in his den, The farmer's in his den, Hi-ho, the derry-o, The farmer's in his den. The farmer wants a wife, The farmer wants a wife, Hi-ho, the derry-o, The farmer wants a wife. "

The farmer chooses a wife to join him in the middle of the circle. They hold hands, dance round and everyone else sings:

"The wife wants a child, The wife wants a child, Hi-ho, the derry-o, The wife wants a child."

The farmer's wife chooses a child to join them in the middle of the circle. The farmer, wife and child hold hands, dance round and everyone else sings:

"The child wants a dog, The child wants a dog, Hi-ho, the derry-o, The child wants a dog."

The child chooses a dog to join them in the middle of the circle. Everyone pats the dog on the head and sings:

"Everyone pats the dog, Everyone pats the dog, Hi-ho, the derry-o, Everyone pats the dog."

When the dog has been chosen and the last part of the song has been sung, the dog becomes the farmer and the game starts again.

