

# The farmer's in his den : teacher's Notes

**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.

