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The farmer in the dell  
The farmer in the dell  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The farmer in the dell

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

The wife takes a child  
The wife takes a child  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The wife takes a child

The child takes a nurse  
The child takes a nurse  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The child takes a nurse

The nurse takes a cow  
The nurse takes a cow  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The nurse takes a cow



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The cow takes a dog  
The cow takes a dog  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The cow takes a dog

The dog takes a cat  
The dog takes a cat  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The dog takes a cat

The cat takes a rat  
The cat takes a rat  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The cat takes a rat

The rat takes the cheese  
The rat takes the cheese  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The rat takes the cheese

The cheese stands alone  
The cheese stands alone  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The cheese stands alone



### Circle Game:

Ten children (or more) join hands and dance around the FARMER, who stands in the center of the circle as they sing. At the end of the first verse, the FARMER chooses his WIFE, who joins him inside the circle. At the end of the next verse, the WIFE takes a CHILD, and so on, until the last verse when everyone is in the circle except the CHEESE, who stands alone. Whoever ends up being the CHEESE becomes the FARMER for the next round.

