

It was customary over the years for farmers to sing to their cows when milking them, in the belief that relaxed cows give more milk. Today the custom continues with many farmers keeping radios in their barns. As you play this, maintain an easy tempo to imitate the steady rhythm of the milking.

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## Milking Song

Arr. Carol Walker

Traditional Manx

Gently ♩ = 60

Chord diagrams for the first system (measures 1-5):

- Measure 1: D (0-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 2: G (0-0-0-2-0-0)
- Measure 3: D (0-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 4: A (1-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 5: D (0-0-0-0-0-0)

Chord diagrams for the second system (measures 6-11):

- Measure 6: G (0-0-0-2-0-0)
- Measure 7: A (1-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 8: G (0-0-0-2-0-0)
- Measure 9: D (0-0-0-0-0-0) with 1-1/2 fret\* on the 1st string
- Measure 10: D9 (0-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 11: G (0-0-0-2-0-0)
- Measure 12: D (0-0-0-0-0-0)

Chord diagrams for the third system (measures 12-17):

- Measure 12: A (1-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 13: D (0-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 14: G (0-0-0-2-0-0)
- Measure 15: D (0-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 16: G (0-0-0-2-0-0)
- Measure 17: D (0-0-0-0-0-0)

Chord diagrams for the fourth system (measures 18-23):

- Measure 18: A (1-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 19: D (0-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 20: G (0-0-0-2-0-0)
- Measure 21: D (0-0-0-0-0-0)
- Measure 22: Em (0-0-2-0-0-0)
- Measure 23: Em (0-0-2-0-0-0)

\*The only place that calls for a 1-1/2 fret in this song is in measure 9. If you do not have this fret, you may substitute the following chord: 0-0-1.

24 D Dmaj7 B m D A D

30 G A G D G D

36 A D G D G D

42 F#m Gadd9 A D G D Em7

48 D B m G D/A G D

Verse 1: Give your milk while I sing,  
Let the churn flow over with your milk, my dear cow.

Verse 2: Your milk is good, for cream for the butter.  
Do your best to give me plenty and you will get more barley.

Chorus: May the blessings of God encourage you,  
Father Son and Holy Ghost,  
May Blessed Mary prosper your milk, my cow.