

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

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Traditional Manx

Gently ♩ = 60

D G D D A D

1-1/2 fret*

6 G A G D D9 G D

12 A D G D G D

18 A D G D Em

*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.