

The Devil and the Farmer's Wife

The musical score is written on two staves in 3/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/8 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4-B4, C5-B4, and A4. The lyrics 'The dev - il he came to the far - mer one day,' are aligned under the notes. A horizontal line indicates a whistle after 'day,'. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '9'. The melody continues with eighth notes G4-A4, B4-A4, G4-F#4, and E4. The lyrics 'Say-ing, You owe me a debt and I will have my pay. To me right fal al fal ad-die I day.' are aligned under the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

The dev - il he came to the far - mer one day, (whistled)

9 Say-ing, You owe me a debt and I will have my pay. To me right fal al fal ad-die I day.

“It is not your children or you that I crave
But your old scolding wife, and it’s her I will have.”

“Oh, take her, oh, take her with all my heart
And I hope you and she will never part.”

So, the devil, he mounted her onto his back
And like a bold peddler went carrying his pack.

Some little devils were hanging in chains
She took off her shoe and she knocked out their brains.

She climbed on a stool for to make herself higher
She threw ‘round her left leg and knocked nine in the fire.

The little blue devils peeped over the wall
“Oh, take her back dadda [sic], or she’ll kill us all.”

So, the devil, he mounted her onto his back
And like an old fool, he went carrying her back.