

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## The Old Sow (2)

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The was an old farmer who had an old sow  
(grunt) ow (whistle) ow (PFTHTTT) idle-e-dow  
Suzanna's a funicle man

### Chorus

Sing lassy go rings below  
Suzanna's a funicle man  
(grunt) an (whistle) an (PFTHTTT) idle-e-dan  
Suzanna's a funicle man

Now this old sow had nine little pigs  
(grunt) ig (whistle) ig (PFTHTTT) idle-e-dig  
Suzanna's a funicle man

### Chorus

These nine little pigs, they got out of their sty  
(grunt) i (whistle) i (PFTHTTT) idle-e-di  
Suzanna's a funicle man

### Chorus

They went in the field and they ate all the beets  
(grunt) eet (whistle) eet (PFTHTTT) idle-e-deet  
Suzanna's a funicle man

### Chorus

They got in the barn and they ate all the corn  
(grunt) orn (whistle) orn (PFTHTTT) idle-e-dorn  
Suzanna's a funicle man

### Chorus

These nine little pigs, grew big and grew fat  
(grunt) at (whistle) at (PFTHTTT) idle-e-dat  
Suzanna's a funicle man

### Chorus

That's the end of this little song  
(grunt) ong (whistle) ong (PFTHTTT) idle-e-dong  
Suzanna's a funicle man

Chorus

note:Here is another version of the Sow song; which is a farrowing song from Somerset. I learned this with the title 'Suzanna's a funicle man'. In the dark ages of folk before the sixties revival (which started in the fifties) The torch of folk music in England was carried by a group of well to do, elderly ladies. Every year they held (and still do) a folk festival at the Royal Albert Hall. One year, in the forties I think, legend has it that a group of singers from Somerset performed this song and the ladies were most upset. Not recognizing it as a TRUE folk song, they thought that the group were making fun of folk music.It is worth spending a little effort perfecting the great sound effects.Enjoy,BH

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