

## **THE FARMER IN THE DELL**

### **LS E-1**

Formation: Single circle, facing the center, hands joined. The “farmer” stands in the center.

### **SONG**

Verse 1. The farmer in the dell,  
The farmer in the dell,  
Heigh-ho, the derry-oh,  
The farmer in the dell.

Verse 2. The farmer takes a wife . . .

Verse 3. The wife takes a child . . .

Verse 4. The child takes a nurse . . .

Verse 5. The nurse takes a dog . . .

Verse 6. The dog takes a cat . . .

Verse 7. The cat takes a rat . . .

Verse 8. The rat takes the cheese . . .

Verse 9. The cheese stands alone . . .

### **ACTION**

All walk in RLOD, singing. During the singing of each verse, one child is called in by those in the center to the wife, child, nurse, etc. The privilege of choosing each time falls upon the last one called in. During the singing of the last verse, all face center and clap hands in time

with the music while all the chosen ones except the  
“Cheese” return to the circle. The cheese then chooses a  
new farmer and the game starts over again.