

Whistle daughter, whistle

With spirit

Westcountry Folk Song

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, common time, featuring a treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a specific musical phrase. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The second staff starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fifth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.

1. Mo - ther I long to get mar - ried, I
 2. - Daugh - ter I was twen - ty be -
 3. - Whis - tle daugh - ter, whist - le, and

long to be a bride. I long to be with
 fore that I was woo'd And many a long and
 you shall have a sheep. - I can - not whis - tle

that young man_ for ev - er by his
 lone - some mile_ I've carried my mai - den -
 mo - ther_ but I can sad - ly

side. For ev - er by his
 hood. - Oh Mo - ther that may
 weep. My mai - den - hood doth

side, O how hap - py I should be,
 be, but it's not the case with me
 grieve me and fills my heart with fear

For I'am young and mer - ry and heart - i - ly

wea - ry of my vir-gi - ni - ty.

- 4 - Whistle daughter, whistle,
and you shall have a cow.
- I cannot whistle mother,
indeed I know not how.
My maidenhood doth grieve me
and fills my heart with fear
For I'm young and merry
and heartily weary of my virginity.
- 5 - Whistle daughter, whistle,
and you shall have a man.
- (*Whistles*) ...
You see how well I can.
- You nasty impudent jade,
what makes you whistle now?
- Oh I'd rather whistle
for a man than either a sheep or cow.
- 6 - You nasty impudent jade, why,
I'll pull your courage down.
Take off your silk and satin,
put on your working gown.
I'll send you to the field
a-tossing of the hay
With your fork and rake
the hay to make, and then hear what you say.
- 7 - Mother, don't be so cruel
to send me to the field
Where young men may entice me
and to them I may yield
For mother, it is quite well known
I am not too young grown,
And it is a pity
a maid as pretty as I should live alone.

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1

Mother I long
to get married,
I long to be a bride.
I long
to be with that young man
for ever by his side.
For ever by his side,
O how happy I should be,
For I' am young and merry
and heartily weary
of my virginity.

Mutter, ich sehne mich danach,
mich zu verheiraten,
ich sehne mich danach, eine Braut zu sein.
Ich sehne mich danach,
mit einem jungen Mann zusammen zu sein
für immer an seiner Seite.

2

- Daughter, I was twenty
before that I was woo'd
And many so long
and lonesome mile
I've carried my maidenhood.

- Tochter, ich war zwanzig
bevor ich umworben wurde
und sehr viele
und einsame Meilen
habe ich meine Mädchenschaft
getragen.

- Oh Mother, that may be,
but it's not the case with me
For I'm young and merry
and heartily weary of my virginity.

- Oh, Mutter, das mag sein,
aber bei mir ist ein anderer Fall,

3
- Whistle daughter, whistle,
and you shall have a sheep.
- I cannot whistle mother,
but I can sadly weep.
My maidenhood doth grieve me
and fills my heart with fear
For I'm young and merry
and heartily weary of my virginity.

- Pfeife, Tochter, pfeife,
und du wirst ein Schaf haben.
- Ich kann nicht pfeifen, Mutter,
aber ich kann traurig weinen.
Meine Mädchenschaft betrübt mich
und füllt mein Herz mit Angst

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Pfeife, Tochter, pfeife,
und du wirst eine Kuh haben.
Ich kann nicht pfeifen, Mutter,
tatsächlich weiß ich nicht warum.

Pfeife, Tochter, pfeife,
und du wirst einen Mann haben.-

Du siehst, wie gut ich das kann.
- Du widerliches, unverschämtes
Weibsstück,
was macht dich nun pfeifen?
- Oh, ich würde lieber pfeifen
nach einen Mann statt
einem Schaf oder (einer) Kuh.

ich werde dir deinen Mut kühlen.
Ziehe deine Seide und den Satin aus,
ziehe dein Arbeitsgewand an.
Ich werde dich ins Feld schicken
das Heu aufwerfen
mit deiner Gabel and dem Rechen
das Heu zu bereiten,
und dann hören wir, was du sagst.

- Mutter, sei nicht so grausam
mich ins Feld zu schicken.
Wo junge Männer mich reizen können
und mit ihnen könnte ich mich abgeben
da, Mutter, es ziemlich gut bekannt ist,
ich bin nicht zu jung,
und es ist schade
ein Mädchen so hübsch wie ich
müsste allein leben.