

# I Wish I Were a Farmer

## A Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Song of the Farm

Wendell Kitzmiller (Ezra Grumbine)

"Michael Schneider's Party"

F B $\flat$  F C

Ich

5 F B $\flat$

wott ich waer en Bau - er, Un hett en Bau - er - ei, Hett

7 F C F

grie - ne Geil un gee - le Kieh Un schwa - ze Nieg - ger-sei! Ich

9 F B $\flat$

wott ich hett en Bau-er - ei An Ma - cha dun - ki Grick, Noo

11 F C F

deet ich Kef - fer schies - se geh Im Siess-grumm-bie - re Schtick. Die

13 F B $\flat$

Raa - we uff de Weet-ze-beem, Der haa - rich Hin - kel-floh, Der

15 F C F

Graut - war-rem an die Hick - er-niss, Die Leis am Pasch - ing-schtröh, Des

17 F B $\flat$

Schtofft misst all an's draew-le geh, Wann ich der Bau - er waer; Mit

19 F C F

"Par - is Green" un Bul - fer - bix, Noo gingt ich iw-wer sie haer!

21 F B $\flat$  F C F B $\flat$  F C

Ich

29 F B $\flat$

fang en nei - e Fae-schen aa-- Im Win - ter mach ich's Hoi; Wann's

31 F C F

heess iss, bleib ich aus der Sunn Un fress die Kasch - e - boi! Ich

33 F B $\flat$

grick mer en wies - si Schmier-kees-kuh, En Hoof - voll "Gui - nea" - gens, En

35 F C F

mecht - ich hoch - er Root - rieb-baam, Un e Paet - ten - led - der Fens. Die

37 F B $\flat$

Hink - el halt ich in der Kich, Der Sei - Schtall fer der Dier; Grick

39 F C F

Rock un Hos - se vun Ka-duu Un Kal - lers vun Ba-bier. En

41 F B $\flat$

braun - er brins - lich Muu-li - bull Muss in mei Schei - er-hoof, Ael -

43 F C F

pae - ke En - de, Bor - zert-hund, Un Kot - schin-Scheng-hei Schoof. Ich

45 F B $\flat$

bau uf mein - re Bau-er - ei En roo - des Schweiz - er-haus, Ich

47 F C F

mach mei gan - ser Gaar - de rumm, Un seh'n mit Wal - niss naus! Ach

49 F B $\flat$

wann ich doch en Bau-er waer Un hett en Bau - er - ei, Un

51 F C F

hett en groo - si dick - i Fraa, Dann wott ich Bau - er sei!

53 B $\flat$  C F

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7 F C F

hors - es green and yel - low cows And a wife to keep me warm! I

9 F B $\flat$

wish I had a home-stead farm On Ma - han-ton - go's banks-- I'd

11 F C F

meet the bugs in a shoot - ing match In the sweet-po - ta - to ranks! With

13 F B $\flat$

cat - er - pil - lars on the wheat, The chick - ens full of fleas, The

15 F C F

cab - bage-worm on the hick - 'ry nuts, And lice u-pon the trees! These

## 2

17 F B $\flat$

things must stop their hun-gry crawl, If I'd a farm - er be. With

19 F C F

"Par - is Green" in a blun - der-buss, I'd spray them well, you see!

21 F B $\flat$  F C F B $\flat$  F C

I'd

29 F B $\flat$

start right here a fa-shion new. In win - ter, I'd make hay. When

31 F C F

it is hot, I'd just keep cool And rest the live - long day! I'd

33 F B $\flat$

get my-self a cream-cheese cow, A flock of "Gui - nea" hens, A

35 F C F

might - y high, good red - beet tree, And a pat - ent leath - er fence! I'd

37 F B $\flat$

keep the chick - ens in the house, The pig - pen by the door; With

39 F C F  
 8 coat and pants of cal - i - co, And pa - per col - lars, four. A

41 F B $\flat$   
 8 nice, brown, brin - dled Moo-lie-bull, In my barn-yard I'd keep, Al -

43 F C F  
 8 pac - a Geese, a Bor - zert Dog, And Co - chin-Shang-hai Sheep! I'd

45 F B $\flat$   
 8 build u - pon my home-stead farm A house all paint - ed white. Sur -

47 F C F  
 8 round - ed with my wal - nut trees, It'll real - ly be a sight! Ach,

49 F B $\flat$   
 8 if I was a farm-ing man And had a home - stead farm And

51 F C F  
 8 had a wife so big and fat To keep this farm - er warm!

53 B $\flat$  C F  
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# I Wish I Were a Farmer

Fretless Electric Bass

Tab

F Bb F C F Bb

3 3 6 1 3 1 1 6

2 3 4 5 6

Tab

F C F F Bb F C F

1 1 3 2 3 3 3 6 1 1 1 3 3 1 1

7 8 9 10 11 12

Tab

F Bb F C F F Bb

3 3 6 1 1 3 1 1 6

13 14 15 16 17 18

Tab

F C F F Bb F C

1 3 3 1 1 1 1 3 6 1 3 3

19 20 21 22 23 24

Tab

F Bb F C F Bb

1 6 6 8 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 6 6 6 6

25 26 27 28 29 30

F C F F Bb F C F

Tab

1 1 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 6 6 6 6 1 1 3 3 3 1 1 1 1 1

31 32 33 34 35 36

F Bb F C F F Bb

Tab

1 1 1 1 6 6 6 6 1 1 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 6 6 6 6

37 38 39 40 41 42

F C F F Bb F C F

Tab

1 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 6 6 6 6 1 1 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

43 44 45 46 47 48

F Bb F C F Bb C

Tab

3 3 3 3 3 6 6 6 6 6 1 1 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 6 1 6 6 6 1 3 3 3 3 3

49 50 51 52 53 54

F

Tab

1 3 3 1

55 end 56



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Acoustic Guitar

Chords: F, Bb, F, C, F, Bb

Chords: F, C, F, F, Bb, F, C, F

Chords: F, Bb, F, C, F, F, Bb

Chords: F, C, F, F, Bb, F, C

Chords: F, Bb, F, C, F, Bb

F C F F Bb F C F

32 34 35

Tab

F Bb F C F F Bb

38 39 40 41 42

Tab

F C F F Bb F C F

43 46 47 48

Tab

F Bb F C F Bb C

50 51 53 54

Tab

F

55 56

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F Bb F C F Bb

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F C F F Bb F C F

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F Bb F C F Bb

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F C F F Bb F C

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F Bb F C F Bb

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F 11-1 1-1

end

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Reed Organ

F Bb F C F Bb F C F



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

F Bb F C F F Bb F C F



9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

F Bb F C F F Bb F C



17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

F Bb F C F Bb F C F



25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

F Bb F C F F Bb F C F



33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

F Bb F C F F Bb F C F



41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

F Bb F C F Bb C F



49 50 51 52 53 54 55 end 56

Detailed description: This image shows a musical score for the song "I Wish I Were a Farmer" on a reed organ. The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of seven staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are primarily eighth and quarter notes, often beamed together in pairs. Chord symbols are placed above the notes, indicating the harmonic structure. The chords used are F major, Bb major, C major, and F major. The score includes measure numbers from 1 to 56, with the final measure marked "end". The notation includes stems, beams, and note heads, with some measures showing multiple notes on a single stem. The overall style is simple and characteristic of early 20th-century popular music.