

# Other Traditional Songs (Various Origins)

**DONA DONA (SHOLOM SECUNDA, JEWISH)**

**(English Translation by Arthur Ke vess and Teddi Schwartz, 1941)**

Dm C Dm C  
On a wagon bound for market,  
"Stop com-plaining," said the farmer,  
Calves are easily bound and slaughtered,

Dm C Dm E7  
There's a calf with a mournful eye.  
"Who told you a calf to be?  
Never knowing the reason why.

Dm C Dm C  
High a - bove him there's a swallow,  
Why don't you have wings to fly away,  
But who - ever treasures freedom,

Dm C Dm C Dm  
Winging swiftly through the sky.  
Like the swallow so proud and free?"  
Like the swallow must learn to fly.

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**Chorus:**

C Dm C Dm  
How the winds are laughing, They laugh with all their might

C Dm Gm Dm C Dm C  
Laugh and laugh the whole day through, And half the summer's night.

C Dm C Dm  
Dona dona dona dona, Dona dona dona doan

C Dm C Dm C Dm C Dm  
Dona dona dona dona Dona dona dona doan