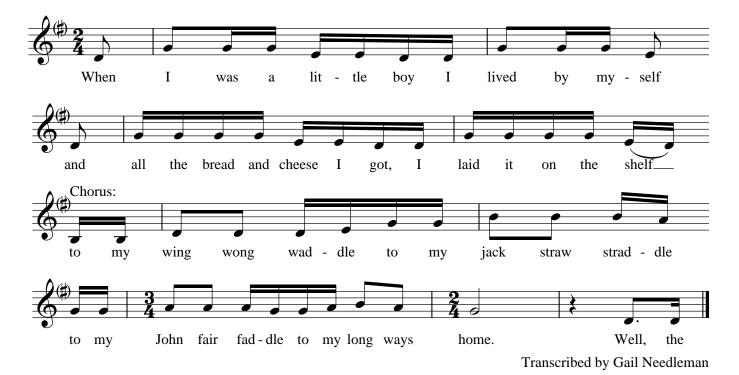
The Swapping Song

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- 2. Well the rats and the mice they lived such a life, I had to go to London to buy me a wife.
- 3. The creek was so wide and the lane was so narrow, I had to bring her home in a old wheelbarrow.
- 4. My wheelbarrow broke and I got a fall, And down come wheelbarrow, wife and all.
- 5. I swapped my wheelbarrow and got me a horse, And then I rode from cross to cross.
- 6. I swapped my horse and got me a mare, And then I rode from fair to fair.
- 7. I swapped my mare and I got me a mule, And then I rode like a dog-gone fool.

- 8. I swapped my mule and got me a cow, In that trade I just learnt how.
- 9. I swapped me a cow and got me a calf, In that trade I just lost a half.
- 10. I swapped my calf and got me a sheep, And then I rode till I went to sleep.
- 11. I swapped my sheep and got me a hen, And what a pretty thing I had then.
- 12. I swapped my hen and got me a rat, And set it on the haystack with two little cats.
- 13. I swapped my rat and I got me a mole, And the dog-gone thing went straight to its hole!