

Once a Farmer and his Wife

(Y Saith Gysgadur)

playable on 26-string harp

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And too o - pen hand ed" "Good wife"said he "You let me be, I will not be comm an ded!"

*If you have more strings try playing in different octaves.

Then when harvest time came round, / And boys with girls were racing,
Oft the farmer's wife had found / He would the girls be chasing
"Good Man," cried she, "you are too free," / And too open hearted,"
"Good wife," said he, "you let me be, / Or we'll soon be parted."

Long, long years did pass away / And still they kept on railing;
Til, at last, one winter's day / She said, when she was ailing
"I am too old, always to scold, / I think your ways are mended;"
Said he, "you're right, good wife, quite right," / And so the matter ended.