

6. Did You Feed My Cow? (Ella Jenkins)

There are some motions to accompany the sounds. Pretend that you are really milking a cow when you say, "squish squish, squish." Then you can hold your head as if in great pain for "uhm uhm uhm," and make your arms fly for "flop flop flop." You can hear Ella sing this on "You'll Sing a Song and I'll Sing a Song" (Smithsonian Folkways 45010).

Did you feed my cow?	Yes ma'am
Will you tell me how?	Yes ma'am
What did you feed her?	Corn and hay
What did you feed her?	Corn and hay

Did you milk her good?	Yes ma'am
Did you milk her like you should?	Yes ma'am
How did you milk her?	Squish squish squish
How did you milk her?	Squish squish squish

Did my cow get sick?	Yes ma'am
Was she covered with the tic?	Yes ma'am
How did she die?	Uhm uhm uhm
How did she die?	Uhm uhm uhm

Did the buzzards come?	Yes ma'am
Did the buzzards come?	Yes ma'am
How did they fly?	Flop flop flop
How did they fly?	Flop flop flop

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