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Steeleye Span "One Misty Moisty Morning"

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One misty moisty morning when cloudy was the weather

I met with an old man a-clothed all in leather He was clothed all in leather with a cap beneath his chin

Singing how do you do and how do you do and how do you do again

This rustic was a thresher as on his way he hied And with a leather bottle fast buckled by his side He wore no shirt upon his back but wool unto his skin Singing how do you do and how do you do and how do you do again

I went a little further and there I met a maid A-going a-milking, a-milking Sir she said

Then I began to compliment and she began to sing Saying how do you do and how do you do and how do you do again

This maid her name was Dolly clothed in a gown of grey

I being somewhat jolly persuaded her to stay And straight I fell a-courting her in hopes her love to win

Singing how do you do and how do you do and how do you do again

I having time and leisure, I spent a vacant hour A-telling of my treasure while sitting in the bower With many kind embraces I stroke her double chin Singing how do you do and how do you do and how do you do again

I said that I would married be and she would be my bride

And long we should not tarry and twenty things beside I'll plough and sow and reap and mow and you shall sit and spin

Singing how do you do and how do you do and how do you do again

Her parents then consented, all parties were agreed Her portion thirty shillings, we married were with speed Then Will the piper he did play whilst others dance and sing

Saying how do you do and how do you do and how do

you do again Then lusty Ralph and Robin with many damsels gay Did ride on Roan and Dobbin to celebrate the day And when they met together their caps they off did fling Singing how do you do and how do you do and how do you do and how do you do again

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