Fox (the)

Recorded by Burl Ives in 1945 – traditional folk song dating from the 15th century (Wikipedia)

THE FOX - 4/4 time

(several verses omitted for brevity!)

(C) The fox went out on a chilly night.

Prayed to the moon to (G7) give him light.

He'd (C) many a mile to (F) go that night

Be-(C) fore he (G7) reached the (C) town-o, (G7) town-o, (C) town-o.

- (F) Many a mile to (C) go that night be-(G7) fore he reached the (C) town.
- (C) He ran till he came to a great big pen.

Ducks and the geese were (G7) kept therein.

He said (C) some of you's gonna (F) grease my chin

Be-(C) fore I (G7) leave this (C) town-o, (G7) town-o, (C) town-o.

- (F) Some of you's gonna (C) grease my chin be-(G7) fore I leave this (C) town.
- (C) He grabbed a grey goose by the neck,

Flung a duck (G7) across his back.

(C) He didn't mind the (F) the quack, quack, quack

With the (C) legs all (G7) dangling (C) down-o, (G7) down-o, (C) down-o.

- (F) He didn't mind the (C) quack, quack, quack with the (G7) legs all dangling (C) down.
- (C) He ran right back to his cozy den.

There were the little ones (G7) eight, nine, ten,

Saying (C) "Daddy, Daddy, better (F) go back again.

- It (C) must have been a (G7) mighty fine (C) town-o, (G7) town-o, (C) town-o."
- (F) "Daddy, Daddy better (C) go back again (G7) It must have been a mighty fine (C) town."
- (C) Fox and his wife without any strife

Cut up the goose with a (G7) fork and knife.

(C) They never had such a (F) supper in their lives

And the (C) little ones (G7) chewed on the (C) bones-o, (G7) bones-o, (C) bones-o."

(F) They never had such a (C) supper in their lives and the (G7) little ones chewed on the (C) bones."