

I BOUGHT ME A CAT

(Children's Song)

from *Old American Songs*

original key: F Major

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Easy going (♩ = 96)

f > *mp*

I bought me a cat my cat pleased me I fed my cat un-der

f *mp*

sf

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the song. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note 'I', a quarter note 'bought', a quarter note 'me', a quarter note 'a', a quarter note 'cat', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'my', a quarter note 'cat', a quarter note 'pleased', a quarter note 'me', a quarter note 'I', a quarter note 'fed', a quarter note 'my', a quarter note 'cat', and a quarter note 'un-der'. The piano accompaniment features a series of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include a forte (f) chord at the start, a mezzo-piano (mp) section, and a sforzando (sf) dynamic at the beginning of the piano part.

yon - der tree My cat says fid-dle eye fee I bought me a duck my

p *mp*

p stacc. *mp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 5-8. The vocal line continues with 'yon - der tree' (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 'My cat says' (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 'fid-dle eye' (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 'fee' (quarter), 'I bought me a duck' (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), and 'my' (quarter). The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. Dynamics include piano (p) and mezzo-piano (mp) markings, with a piano staccato (p stacc.) section.

duck pleased me I fed my duck un - der yon - der tree My

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9-12. The vocal line continues with 'duck pleased me' (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 'I fed my duck' (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 'un - der' (quarter, quarter, quarter), 'yon - der tree' (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), and 'My' (quarter). The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line.

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duck says "Quaa, quaa" My cat says fid-dle eye fee I

poco sf *sf* *p* *mf*

bought me a goose My goose pleased me I fed my goose un-der

mf

yon-der tree My goose says "Quaw, quaw" My duck says "Quaa, quaa"

poco sf *(sf)* *(sf)* *(sf)* *(sf)*

My cat says fid-dle eye fee. I bought me a hen My

p *mf* (*mark the bass*)

hen pleased me I fed my hen un - der yon - der tree My

hen says "Shim - my shack, shim - my shack" My goose says "Quaw, quaw" My

duck says "Quaa, quaa" My cat says fid - dle eye fee. I

bought me a pig My pig pleased me I fed my pig un - der yon - der tree My

pig says "Grif - fey, grif - fey" My hen says "Shim-my shack, shim-my shack" My

goose says "Quaw, quaw" My duck says "Quaa, quaa" My cat says fid-dle eye

fee. I bought me a cow My cow pleased me I fed my cow un-der

yon - der tree My cow says "Baw, baw" My pig says "Grif - fey, grif - fey" My

hen says "Shim - my shack, shim - my shack" My goose says "Quaw, quaw" My

f (dry) *(sf)* *(sf)*

duck says "Quaa, quaa" My cat says fid - dle eye fee. I

(sf) *(sf)* *p* *f*

bought me a horse My horse pleased me I fed my horse un - der

f

yon - der tree My horse says "Neigh, neigh" My cow says "Baw, baw" My

mp *mf* *sf* *sf* *mp*

pig says "Grif - fey, grif - fey" *f* My hen says "Shim - my shack, shim - my shack" My

mf *f (dry)*

goose says "Quaw, quaw" My duck says "Quaa, quaa"

(sf) *(sf)* *(sf)* *(sf)*

My cat says fid - dle eye fee. *mp* I bought me a wife *ff* My

mp *ff marcato*

wife pleased me I fed my wife un - der yon - der tree *mp* My

mp

wife says "Hon - ey, hon - ey" My horse says "Neigh, neigh" My

cow says "Baw, baw" My pig says "Grif - fey, grif - fey" My

hen says "Shim - my shack, shim - my shack" My goose says "Quaw, quaw" My

duck says "Quaa, quaa" My cat says fid - dle eye fee.