

Hickity Crackity

Oats, peas, beans and barley grow,
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 Can you or I or anyone know
 How oats, peas, beans and barley grow?

First the farmer plants the seed,
 Then he stands and takes his ease,
 He stamps his foot and claps his hands
 And turns around to view the lands.

Do you want a partner?
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 For if you do, you must be true
 And choose him very shortly.

Waiting for a partner,
 Waiting for a partner,
 Open the ring and choose one in
 While we do gaily dance and sing.

Now you're married, you must obey,
 You must be true to all you say,
 You must be kind, you must be good,
 And help your wife to chop the wood.

Repeat First Verse

"Hickity Crackity", also known as "Baltimore", "Cacina", "Cassino", "French March", "French Quickstep" or "Cacinameronian's Rant" is a traditional British-Canadian-American folk song (jig) in G Major. The parts are played AB.

Bayard (1981) states that this is primarily a fife tune usually known by the children's ditty "Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Grow" (or, sometimes in south western Pennsylvania, "Green Grow the Rushes O").

Bayard couldn't find this tune much among fiddlers but found that it was popular among fifers.

It was printed in Bayard's **Dance to the Fiddle** (1981). He lists numerous previous printed sources including the earliest printed source that he could find - Aird's **A Selection of Scotch, English, Irish and Foreign Airs, Volume I** (1778) (listed as "Cacinameronian's Rant").