

# Mother and Child Reel Traditional Ireland

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The Mother and Child Reel is a type of song called a "dandling" song that would have been sung by a mother to her child. The words translated as:

I wish I had a yellow cow, a yellow cow, a yellow cow,

I wish I had a yellow cow,

And welcome from my darling. (other versions have "to drink the pratie water.")

Chorus

And Oh, I call to thee, I call to thee,

And the love of my heart art thou,

And Oh, I call to thee, I call to thee,

And thou art the fair child of your mother.

Martin Hayes plays this tune on his album *The Lonesome Touch*.