

## Three Maidens a-milking did go

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Three Maidens a-milking did go'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Three maid - - ens a - - milk - - - ing did'. The second staff contains 'go Three maid - ens a - milk - - ing did go;'. The third staff contains 'The wind \_\_\_ it blew high, and the wind \_\_\_ it blew low,'. The fourth staff contains 'And it blew these \_ three maid-ens to and fro'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and slurs.

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go Three maid - ens a - milk - - ing did go;  
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And it blew these \_ three maid-ens to and fro

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The wind it blew high, and the wind it blew low,  
And it blew these three maidens to and fro

[They met with a man by the way  
And one of them to him did say  
Kind sir have you the will, and kind sir have you the skill  
For to catch little birds off the tree?

O yes I will show you some skills  
And very good skills they be too  
If you'll come along with me to yonder shady tree  
I will catch you a small bird or two.

To the merry greenwood they all went  
To the merry greenwood they all went  
For the birds they did whistle on every green thistle  
For they very well knew their intent.

I laid my love under a bush  
I laid my love under a tree  
And he beat at the bush and the bird it did fly in  
A little above my love's knee.

Then her sparkling eyes turned around  
As if she had been in a swoon  
And she said, upon my word I have caught a little bird  
Picking upon its own ground.

Pretty maidens be ruled by me  
Pretty maidens be ruled by me  
Never catch a small bird upon a green ground  
But catch them upon the green tree.]