

# The Talking Dog

Written by New Zealand folksinger/writer Peter Cape (1926–79) in about 1964. Cape wrote and recorded many of his songs including his well-known 'Taumarunui On The Main Trunk Line' and 'She'll Be Right Mate.'

Verse

The musical notation for the verse consists of six lines of music. Each line has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 2/4 time signature. The notes are written on a five-line staff. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: F above the first line, C7 above the second line, Bb above the third line, C7 above the fourth line, and F above the fifth line. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

There's a young cow cock - y sit - ting on a log,  
Sharp - en - ing his axe and talk - ing to his dog.  
He says "I'm sick and tired of batch - ing all me life."  
And the dog says "Well, why don't you take a wife?"

Chorus

The musical notation for the chorus consists of two lines of music. Each line has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 2/4 time signature. The notes are written on a five-line staff. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C7 above the first line and F above the second line. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

You've got ducks in the duck pond, pork - ers in the pen.  
You hard - ly fin - ish milk - ing and your start - ing in a - gain.

So the jumped into the ute and drove to the local hall.  
There's lots of lovely girls lined up along the wall.  
He says to the dog "I'll leave the choice to you."  
The dog cut out a beauty and he says "She'll do."

"Now you've got to do it proper. You've got to get a ring.  
Talk to the parson. Get the choir to sing."  
Great day coming. Down the church at three. "  
Who gives this woman?" and the dog says "Me".

Now this poor cow cocky still can't get it right.  
The dog talks all day and the missus talks all night.  
"Gunna leave 'em to it. Take another lease.  
I'm going up the country just to get a bit of peace."

Now if you want a moral and I don't see why you should,  
Talking to your dog won't do you any good,  
And if you must get married do it quick and nice,  
And if you've got a talking dog then don't take his advice.