

There was a pig went out to jig

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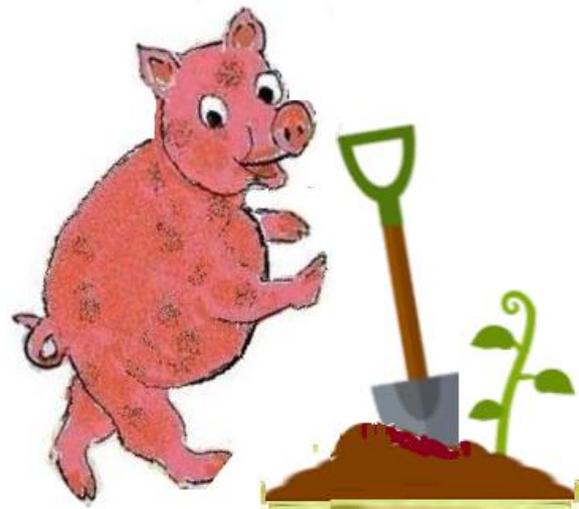
This song with its delightful minor key (unusual for Yuletide season) originated as a mummer's carol which linked the farming cycle of ploughing, planting and harvesting to the Christmas festivities. A great Christmas song for making up rhymes and other seasonal animals could be included – there was a robin went out a-bobbin'.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the song. The first staff is in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'There was a pig went out to dig, Chris - i - mas day,'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'Chris - i - mas day, There was a pig went out to dig, On'. The third staff concludes the melody with the lyrics: 'Chris - i - mas day, in the morn - ing,'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Dm, A7, Dm, Gm, C, and Dm.



There was a pig went out to dig,
Chris-i-mas day, on Chris-i-mas day,
There was a pig went out to dig,
On Chris-i-mas day in the morning.

There was a cow went out to plough,
Chris-i-mas day, on Chris-i-mas day,
There was a cow went out to plough,
On Chris-i-mas day in the morning.



There was a sparrow went out to harrow...
There was a crow went out to sow...
There was a sheep went out to reap...