"Oats and Beans and Barley Grows"
Song

Oats and beans and barley grow,
First the farmer sows his seed,
Do you or I or anyone know How oats and beans and barley grow?

Oats and beans and barley grow,
Then he stands and takes his ease,
And turns him round to view the land

Waiting for a partner, Waiting for a partner, Waiting for a partner, So open the ring and let one in

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.

Chop it thin and carry it in, And kiss your partner in the ring

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Alternate Lyrics
Adapted from Traditional “Oats and Beans and Barley Grow” Song

chorus:
Oats and wheat and barley grow,
Oats and wheat and barley grow,
But not you nor I nor anyone know
How oats and wheat and barley grow.

Verse 1
First the farmer sows his seed,
Then he stands and takes his ease,
And he stamps his feet and clasps his hands,
While the sun shines on the land.

chorus:
Oats and wheat and barley grow,...etc.

verse 2
The seeds sprout up so green and tall,
The ears of corn grow ripe and gold,
And the farmer laughs and he rubs his hands,
And takes his harvester to the land.

chorus:
Oats and wheat and barley grow,...etc.

verse 3
The corn is cut and threshed to grain,
Put in sacks and sent by train,
And the miller grinds them all into flour,
Sing a song with a mighty roar.

chorus:
Oats and wheat and barley grow,...etc.

(adapted from the traditional song, “Oats and Beans and Barley Grow” ™)
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