

# The Wonderful Sucking Pig

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 192. The score consists of three staves. The first staff contains the first 12 measures. The second staff contains the next 12 measures, with a 'rit' (ritardando) marking above the 10th measure. The third staff contains the final 12 measures, with an 'a tempo' marking above the first measure. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

You all have heard of the Christmas Goose and the walloping Great Pie  
But I think to myself it's not much use to tell such a precious lie  
But I'll tell you of a wonder new, as true as I'm a sinner  
About a wonderful sucking pig we had for Christmas dinner.

## *Chorus*

*So come on all both great and small and listen to my lay  
As I tell you of the sucking pig we ate on Christmas Day!*

The very first day this pig was born he cut some cunning capers –  
He swallowed a field of turnip tops and forty ton of taters.  
So then they pulled out all his teeth but it only made him snarly,  
And he bolted a wagon load of swedes and a stack of oats and barley.

This sucking pig, he grew so fat, you might think it a lark,  
But when he was only three weeks old he was big as Noah's Ark.  
His leg was like a greasy pole with a ton of bristles on it  
And his curly tail when pulled out straight was longer than a comet.

To kill this wonderful sucking pig it took no end of trying,  
And strike me down if I tell a lie, he was seventy years a-dying.  
The men who had his leg for lunch, up to Hyde Park they took it  
And they had to boil the Serpentine before that they could cook it.