

*Gwyneth Walker*

*Three Songs  
in Celebration of the  
Family Farm*



*for mixed chorus and piano*



*lyrics by Martha Holden*

*farm worker*

*Fairmont Farm*

*East Montpelier, Vermont*

*duration: 13 minutes*

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## Notes

*Three Songs in Celebration of the Family Farm* are musical representations of farm life in the 1980s. The beauty, ordinariness, rigors and amusements of the work day are all portrayed. Even the sounds of the compressor and the cows shuffling through the barn are evoked!

The composer, who lives on a family-owned dairy farm, researched these songs by spending hours in the milking barn. Her companions were 218 Holstein cows.

*Gwyneth Walker is a resident of Braintree, Vermont and New Canaan, Connecticut. She has been composing music all of her life.*

*Walker is a rarity among composers in supporting herself entirely by her writing. Her catalog contains over ninety commissioned works for orchestra, band, chorus and chamber ensembles. The music of Gwyneth Walker is published by MMB Music of St. Louis (orchestral/instrumental works) and E. C. Schirmer of Boston (choral/vocal works).*