The Farmer in the Dell

1) The farmer in the dell
2) The farmer takes a wife

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3) The wife takes the child...
4) The child takes the nurse...
5) The nurse takes the dog...
6) The dog takes the cat...
7) The cat takes the rat...
8) The rat takes the cheese...
9) The cheese stands alone...

underlined bold & italicized numbers = middle string