

Brethren

Words Traditional with verses 5 and 6 added by Roger Watson, **tune** Traditional,
arranged by Roger Watson

1. It is of two young brethren, two young brethren born
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And one he was a shepherd and a keeper of sheep
And the other a planter of corn.

2. We'll roil it, we'll toil it through mud and through clay
We'll plough it up and deeper and low
And then after comes the seeds man the corn for sow
And the harrow to rake it in rows.

3. Here's April, here's May, and here's June and July
What pleasure to see the corn grow
In August we will admire it, we'll cut sheaf and bind it
Then down with our scythes for to mow.

4. And after we've reaped of every sheaf
And gathered up every ear
What more is there to do but to plough and to sow
Provide for the very next year.

5. Our barns they are full and our stores overflow
We poison the Earth for our greed
So why should our brothers go hungry and die
When we have so much more than we need?

6. It's of two young brethren two young brethren born,
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If a man doesn't labour how can he get bread?
Take heed and be thankful for all.