

FARMER'S LAMENT, CANTO 11.  
to the tune of "My Bonnie".

CHORUS

Stay home! Stay home!  
I's just as lonesome as lonesome can be!  
Stay home! Stay home!  
What good is a family to me.

1. My wife is an Institute member,  
Our children belong to 4H,  
My son wants to join Junior Farmers,-  
My family's not home much of late.
2. My wife took a short course in cooking,  
My recipe testing is free;  
When Institute ladies are sewing  
She models her dresses on me.
3. My daughter has planted a garden,-  
Beans, carrots, beets, onions, and peas,  
We've eaten like gourmets all summer,  
and now we have some left to freeze.
4. My son joined the calf, grain and corn clubs,  
He learned what good farmers should know,  
While he works to use all his knowledge,  
I do less the older I grow,

SO

Final Chorus

Go on! Go on!  
Join all the clubs that will benefit me.  
Go on! Go on!  
An Institute family are we.