



A Persian wheel, used for irrigation

Riding Round the Well

Freda Bedi, who wrote the words to this song, was active in the Indian independence movement. She was also the first Western woman to take ordination in Tibetan Buddhism. She wrote these words for her son, Ranga.

Words: Freda Bedi*

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Here's a vil - lage sto - ry, It's not so long to tell, A -
 Sat be - hind the buff - a - loes Who work the Per - sian wheel, And

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bout a lit - tle boy Who went ri - ding round the well.
 hit them with a stick, 'Til they both be - gan to squeal.

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Rid - ing round the well, He went ri - ding round the well, A -
 Both be - gan to squeal, 'Til they both be - gan to squeal, He

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bout a lit - tle boy Who went ri - ding round the well.
 hit them with a stick, 'Til they both be - gan to squeal.

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