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"A Farming Year"

Calving season's nearly here it's morning shine for me
Checking their arses and udders regularly is key
Calving season's here I practically live in the barn
Checking, rechecking ensuring no harm

I work 24/7, up through the night
But the safe birth of a calf is a most welcome of sight
Last year's calves are grown and ready to sell
But I worry will they sell well?

It's March, Spring's on its way
I'm stressing though, I'm running out of hay
The weather is bad, the ground is wet
I'm busy, the cattle aren't out yet

The cattle are out, Spring's arrived
Gone is my daily routine and grind
It's summer I miss working with the herd every day
It's lonely without them fighting round me for hay

It's hay-making time it's started to rain
The British weather drives me insane!
Full of indecision and long hours are here
No chance of socialising and having a beer

The sedentary life of being on a tractor all day
Topping, rolling, baling, mowing, making hay
I want a holiday but feel guilty if I do
The thought of leaving my cows makes me feel blue

The ground is too wet, the cattle come in
I'm back with my girls let my routine begin

I'm forever worried about the health of my girls
I want them to be happy, because they are my world.