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Big Baby keeps a morning schedule. Every day is the same ticktock. After grits, gravy, and peach toast, he runs to find Pop Charlie in the barnyard while Great Nana fills the bath.







“I see my baby!” Pop Charlie cheers. “What can I do for you?”

“Sing!” Big Baby shouts. Pop Charlie grins from ear to ear as he plucks his diddley bow. He lifts his chin and crows...



*I gotta **SING** when the Spirit says **SING**.*

*I gotta **SING** when the Spirit says **SING**.*

*I gotta **SING** when the Spirit says **SING**,*

**AND SHOUT IN THE SPIRIT OF JOY!**





With a chuckle, Pop Charlie calls to his longtime friend grazing in the grass. “Miss Daisy, I need help. Should we sing for this messy baby wit’ gravy on his shirt?”

Miss Daisy shakes her silver bell. Her sure reply is...“Moo!”



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Pop Charlie calls to his pet pig. He calls to the family dog. “Snow Bird! Puppy Lee! Please tell me what to do. Should we sing for this crusty baby wit’ bread crumbs in his hair?”



“Oink, oink, oink!” Snow Bird grunts as she cuts a piggy-step.  
“Arf! Woof, woof!” Puppy Lee yaps and wags his fluffy tail.





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