

Baker  
Baker's Wife  
Jack

# Cow Death

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Cur BAKER (Soprano):

Look what this hen has dropped in my hand!

BAKER'S WIFE (Exalted): A golden egg! I've never seen a golden egg!

JACK: You see, I promised you more than  
the five gold pieces I gave you, sir.

BAKER'S WIFE: Five gold pieces?

JACK: Now I'm taking my cow.

BAKER'S WIFE: Five gold pieces?  
BAKER (To Jack): Now, I never said I would sell...  
JACK: But you took the five gold pieces...  
BAKER'S WIFE: You took five gold pieces?  
BAKER (To Jack): I didn't take, you gave.

(Chorus)

BAKER'S WIFE: Where are the five gold pieces?

BAKER (To Baker's Wife): An old man...

(Jack goes to take Milly-White. Baker holds her  
up, from afar.)

JACK (Going away): You said I could have my cow!  
BAKER (Overstage): Now, I never said you could,  
I said you might.

BAKER'S WIFE: You would take money before a child?!

(Milly-White lies on a terrible gulf,  
and falls to the ground, dead. Silence)

On Cue

(Curtain - rise)