

# The Goey-Duck Song

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The geoduck (pronounced goey-duck) is a giant clam with a long "neck". Slippery and elusive, it is greatly prized by Northwest clam diggers. A resident of Bainbridge Island, Ron Konzak, wrote the words with some friends, then recorded the song with his group "Pierymplezak". It was quite popular on local radio stations for several years - and was then picked up by local folk singers. I learned it from a Bellingham musician, Flip Breskin.

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated by letters C, F, and G7 above the staff. The lyrics are written in a cursive script below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth staff begins the chorus, marked with 'CHORUS' and 'C' above the staff. The seventh staff continues the chorus melody and lyrics. The eighth staff continues the chorus melody and lyrics. The ninth staff continues the chorus melody and lyrics. The tenth staff concludes the chorus melody and lyrics.

You can hear the dig-gers say as they're headed for the Bay, "Oh I  
got -ta dig a duck, got-ta dig a duck a day, cuz I  
get a buck a duck if I dig a duck a day, so I  
got-ta dig a duck, got-ta dig a duck a day!"  
**CHORUS**  
Dig a duck, dig a duck, dig a goo-ey duck, dig a  
duck, dig a goe-y duck, dig a duck a day!

Oh it takes a lotta luck and a certain kind of pluck,  
Just to dig around the muck just to get a goey duck.  
Well, he hasn't got a front and he hasn't got a back,  
And he doesn't know Donald and he doesn't go "quack".

chorus