The Gooey-Duck Song

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The geoduck (pronounced gooey-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.

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 gooe-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 gooey 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