

The Garden Song (Inch by Inch)

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(Note: Learned via the folk process, so words differ somewhat from original)

CHORUS:

C F C
Inch by inch, row by row
F C
Gonna make this garden grow
F C Am
Gonna mulch it deep and low
 D G
Gonna make it fertile ground

C F C
Inch by inch, row by row
F C
Please bless these seeds I sow
F C Am
Please keep them safe below
 G C
'Till the rain comes tumbling down

Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones
We are made of dreams and bones
I need a place to call my own
'Cause the time is close at hand

Grain for grain, sun and rain
Find my way in nature's chain
Tune my body and my brain
To the music of the land

CHORUS

Plant your rows straight and long
Season with a prayer and song
Mother Earth will make you strong
If you give her loving care

Old crow watching from a tree
He's got his hungry eye on me
In my garden I'm as free
As that feathered thief up there.
