



Murrain's a Pain

to the tune of "The Rain in Spain" from My Fair Lady

Narrator 1: *Our scene opens in London in the study of Professor Higgins, a noted expert in the English language and English accents. Professor Higgins is with Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl. He has embarked on a campaign to teach Eliza to shed her Cockney accent and to speak with a proper, upper class English accent.*

Narrator 2: *As we watch Professor Higgins and Eliza, he is using the Passover story as a teaching tool. In particular, he wants to show how Pharaoh reacted to the ten plagues that were visited upon him. In the scene before us, they are discussing the plague known as murrain, which is a form of disease much like Mad Cow Disease that struck cattle throughout Egypt.*

Higgins: Murrain's a pain, in vain I do complain.

Eliza: (repeating, with her Cockney accent)

Murrain's a pain, in vain I do complain.

Higgins: No, no, no, Eliza. Murrain's a pain, in vain I do complain.

Eliza: (getting it right for the first time)

Murrain's a pain, in vain I do complain.

Higgins: She's got it! By George, she's got it!

Everyone singing:

Murrain's a pain, in vain I do complain!

Murrain's a pain, in vain I do complain!

And what is that murrain?

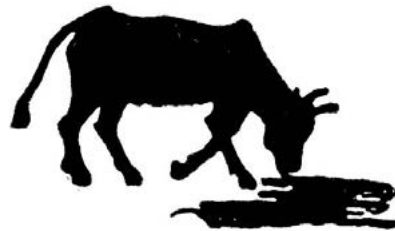
It's a pain! It's a pain!

And how do you complain?

In vain! In vain!

Murrain's a pain, in vain I do complain!

Murrain's a pain, in vain I do complain!



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