If I Were a Rich Man(FB)

Chaim Topol

'Dear God, you ---------- many, many poor people.
I ----------, of course, that it's no shame to --------- poor.
But it's no great honor ----------!
So, what would have been so ---------- if I had a small fortune?'
If I were a rich man,
Ya ha deedle deedle, bubba bubba deedle deedle dum.
All day ---------- I'd biddy biddy bum.
If I were a---------- man.
I wouldn't have to work hard.
Ya ha deedle deedle, bubba bubba deedle deedle dum.
If I were a biddy biddy rich,
Yidle-diddle-didle-didle man.

I'd ---------- a big tall house with rooms by the dozen,
Right in the middle of the town.
A fine tin ---------- with real wooden floors below.
There would be one long ---------- just going up,
And one even longer coming down,
And one more leading nowhere, just for show.

I'd -------- my yard with chicks and turkeys and -------- and ducks
For the town to see and hear.
And each loud 'cheep' and 'swaqwk' and 'honk' and 'quack'
Would land like a trumpet on the ear,
As if to say 'Here ---------- a wealthy man.'

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I see my ----------, my Golde, looking like a rich man's wife
With a proper double-chin.
Supervising meals to her heart's delight.
I see her putting on airs and strutting like a peacock.
Oy, what a happy mood she's in.
Screaming at the servants, day and night.

The most important men in town would come to fawn on me!
They would ask me to ---------- them,
Like a Solomon the Wise.
'If you please, Reb Tevye...'
'Pardon me, Reb Tevye...'
Posing problems that would cross a rabbi's eyes!
And it won't make one bit of ---------- if i answer right or wrong.
When you're rich, they ---------- you really know!

If I were rich, I'd have the time that I lack
To sit in the synagogue and pray.
And maybe have a seat by the Eastern wall.
And I'd discuss the holy books with the learned men, several hours every day.
That would be the sweetest thing of all.

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