



IF I WERE A RICH MAN

I see my wife, my Goldie, looking like a rich man's

wife

If I _____ a rich man

Ya ba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dum

All day long, I'd biddy biddy bum

If I were a _____ man

I _____ have to work hard

Ya ba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba 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 _____ of the town

A fine _____ roof with real wooden floors below

There would _____ one long staircase just going up

And one even longer coming down

And one more leading _____, just for show

I _____ my yard with chicks and turkeys and

geese and ducks

For the town to see and hear

Squawking just as noisily as they can

And each loud of the "gee", be it "gow", be it "geh", be it

"guh"

Would land like a trumpet on the ear

As if to say, "Here lives a wealthy man"

_____ I were a rich man

Ya ba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dum

All day long, I'd biddy biddy bum

If I _____ a wealthy man

I wouldn't _____ to work hard

Ya ba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dum

If I _____ a biddy biddy rich yidle-diddle-didle-didle man

With a proper _____ - _____

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

_____ important men in town would come to

fawn on me!

They would ask me to advise them like a Solomon

the Wise

"If you _____, Reb Tevye..."

"Pardon me, Reb Tevye..."

Posing problems that would cross a rabbi's eyes!

And it _____ make one bit of difference if I answer

right or wrong

When you're rich, they think you really know!

If I were rich, I _____ 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

And that would be the sweetest thing of all

_____ I _____ a _____ man

Ya ba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dum

All day long, I'd biddy biddy bum

_____ I _____ a wealthy man

I wouldn't have to work hard

Ya ba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dum

Lord, who made the lion and the lamb

You **decreed** I should be what I am

_____ it spoil some vast eternal plan

_____ I were a wealthy man?

