



# 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

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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?

