

If I Were A Rich Man

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[CHORUS]

[A] If I were a rich man, ya ba dibbie
dibbie, doobie dibbie dibbie dibbie dum
[Dm] All day long I'd [Am] biddy biddy
bum [E7] if I were a wealthy man
I [A] wouldn't have to work hard, ya ba
dibbie dibbie, doobie dibbie dibbie dibbie
dum
[E7] If I were a [Am] biddy biddy rich, [E7]
idle-deedle-didle-didle [A] man

I'd build a [Dm] big tall house with [G7]
rooms by the dozen,
[C] right in the middle of the [Am] town
A [Dm] fine tin roof with [E7] real wooden
floors be-[A]low [A7]
There would be [Dm] one long staircase
[G7] just going up
and [C] one even longer coming [Am]
down
And [Dm] one more leading [G7]
nowhere, just for [E7] show

I'd fill my [Dm] yard with chicks and [E7]
turkeys and geese
and [A] ducks for the town to see and
[F#m] hear
[Bm] Squawking just as [E7] noisily as they
[A] can [A7]
And each loud "[Dm] cheep" and "squawk"
and "[G7] honk" and "quack"
would [C] land like a trumpet on the [Am]
ear
As [Dm] if to say "Here [G7] lives a
wealthy [E7] man"

[REPEAT CHORUS]

I see my [Dm] wife, my Golde, [G7]
looking like a rich man's [C] wife
with a proper double [Am] chin
[Dm] Supervising [G] meals to her heart's
de-[A] light [A7]
I see her [Dm] putting on airs and [G7]
strutting like a peacock,

[C] oh, what a happy mood
she's [Am] in
[Dm] Screaming at the [Dm] servants, day
and [E7] night

[E7] The most im[G] portant [F] men in
town would come to [C] fawn [Bb] on [A]
me
[Dm] They will ask me to advise them like
a [Bb] Solomon the Wise
If you [Gm] please Reb Tevye, pardon [Em]
me Reb Tevye
[A7] Posing problems that would cross a
rabbi's eyes
[A7] Yah da-dee da da, yah di da da, yah di
da da, daa

[Dm] And it won't make [G] one bit of
difference [C] if I answer right or [A7]
wrong
[Dm] When you're rich they think you
really [E7] know
If I [Dm] were rich I'd have the [E7] time
that I lack to [C] sit in the synagogue and
[Am] pray
And [Dm] maybe have a [E7] seat by the
Eastern [A] wall [A7]
And I'd dis-[Dm]cuss the holy [G7] books
with the learned [C] men seven hours
every [A7] day
[Dm] That would be the [Dm] sweetest
thing of [E7] all

[REPEAT CHORUS]

[Em] Lord who made the [Am] lion and
the [E7] lamb
You decreed I [Am] should be what I [E7]
am
Would it spoil some [Am] vast eternal
[F#m] plan
If I were a [E7] wealthy [A] man