

# The Milkmaid and Her Pail

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## Verse

1. Oh, a milk - maid with her pail was walk - ing home one sun - ny day. She had milk for churn - ing  
but - ter and was dream - ing a - long the way.

## Verse 2

She was dreaming of the butter  
she would sell to buy some eggs.  
From those eggs would hatch some chickens,  
so she thought one sunny day.

## Chorus

She was dream - ing of all her chick - ens be - fore they had e - ven hatched. But what if some - thing  
hap - pened and down her buck - et crashed?

## Verse 3

Oh, the milkmaid with her pail  
would sell the chicks to buy a gown.  
All the people would smile at her  
as she danced and twirled around.

## Verse 4

As she danced and as she twirled  
the milkmaid tripped over a stone.  
And the milk pail that she carried  
tipped and spilled across the road.

## Chorus

She was counting all her chickens  
before they had even hatched.  
But what if something happened  
and down her bucket crashed?

## Verse 5

Oh, the milkmaid with her pail  
spilled her milk upon the ground.  
She would not get any butter,  
any chickens, or a gown.

## Chorus

She had counted all her chickens  
before they had even hatched.  
But then something happened  
and all her dreams were smashed.  
(no interlude)

## Chorus

So the moral of our story:  
wait until your plans have hatched,  
or something else could happen  
and your dreams will all be smashed.