

# Wouldn't You Like To Know - song lyrics

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Wouldn't You Like to Know?

Life is just a game of pitch and toss,  
(That's my notion,) neither more or less;  
All is luck, our profit or our loss,  
The best of us can only guess.  
Some guess right, but many more guess wrong,  
Riches come and riches cut away;  
And this burden of a little song  
I warble to myself all day:

Chorus.

Oh! wouldn't you like to know,  
To know without hazard or fail,  
When fortune the copper may throw,  
If 'twill come down a head or a tail?

Marriage, too, a game of chance must be,  
Some gain prizes, some get only blanks;  
So it is with people's œ. s. d.  
Invested in the Joint Stock Banks.  
If before we enter'd bank or church,  
Half the risk a moment we could see,  
We'd be left less often in the lurch,  
How very jolly that would be. -Chorus.

Could we know what hoss is coming in,  
Then the Derby would indeed amuse;  
For altho' we think we stand to win,  
It's possible we stand to lose.  
When to do the culinary act,  
Call'd by turfites " putting on the pot,"  
When to hedge the coin we may have back'd,  
Is quite as much a chance as not. -Chorus.

Whether cook will spoil the joint or no,  
Whether Jones will meet that little bill;  
Whether when you sing your song will go  
Are matters quite beyond our skill.  
Now that I have done my best to please,  
Up the fatal copper I will heave;  
Come down what it will, I'm at my ease,  
In you, my friends, I'll still believe. -Chorus.