

# You Mustn't Believe All You Hear - song lyrics

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Tis said I'm a bachelor, fifty years old,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear;  
And they say that I'm wild, very wicked and bold,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.  
Why some say I've five children, a wife and a cow,  
Or five cows and a wife, who are hunting me now,  
Who are trying to find me, but do not know how.  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.  
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Very often you're told of magnificent deeds,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear;  
Of how Jenkins supplies all the poor people's needs,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.  
He will give if his name in the paper appears,  
But in private he'll turn from the lone widow's tears;  
You'll be told that he's been a great giver for years,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.

You are wisely informed that old maids always paint,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear;  
That if men tried to kiss them they'd shudder and faint,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.  
It is hinted they're skinny and made up for show,  
That the heels of their shoes are too close to their toes,  
That they giggle and gossip wherever they go,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.

Some folks say that old Satan has come here to dwell,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear;  
And some others are preaching there's no place like-well.  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.  
You have heard it asserted that virtue is dead,  
And that station and money are reigning instead,  
And that Jordan's a very hard turnpike to tread,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.

You will often be told some queer fish stories, too,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear;  
Of how whales were jerked out of the old ocean blue,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.  
There is hardly a man who'll not quickly relate,  
His adventures with fish, their dimensions and weight,  
How he whistled them out without net, hook or bait,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear,  
But you mustn't believe all you hear.