

# Only One - song lyrics

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ONLY ONE.

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Only one-one little song I'll sing to you,  
Only one;  
So listen pray 'till I get through,  
Some funny jokes I'll try to sing.  
And though I may some "chestnuts" spring,  
I think I've struck a clever thing  
In only one.

Only one mother-in-law do I possess,  
Only one;  
She's one too many, I confess;  
Last night she picked a row with me,  
I blacked her eye, then danced with glee;  
I'd blacked them both, but don't you see  
She'd only one.

Only one pianoforte did I buy.  
Only one;  
And that one broke me high and dry;  
I bought it on the three-years' plan,  
The first installment I began,  
And paid it like a little man,  
The only one.

Only one-one little encore verse I know,  
Only one;  
I'll sing it quick, then let me go;  
To sing much more would make you tired;  
The manager says my time's expired;  
If I don't stop, he'll have me fired,  
The only one.

Encore Verses.  
Only one umbrella I had in stock,  
Only one;  
My uncle has that one "in hock";  
I called on a friend and there did spy  
Two umbrellas mat and dry;  
When I had gone he said, "Oh, my!  
There's only one."

Only one Havana cigar I had on hand,  
Only one;  
The very choicest kind of brand;  
A friend I met asked for "a light"  
He said, "Ah, thanks! ta, ta! all right!"  
I had his cigar and was sick all night.  
The only one.

Only one-one little Utah way out West,  
Only one;  
Where polygamy has made a nest,  
A Mormon has of wives a score.  
The very pious ones have more.

One's quite enough, -I'm awful sore  
With only one.

Only one -only one friend with faith, you see,  
Only one;  
To lend life shekels unto me;  
Last night I struck him for a loan.

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Which to "the tiger" soon was "blown,"  
And with his ten the friend has flown.  
The only one.

Only one -one gilt-edged dentist have I found,  
Only one;  
He fixed my teeth up good and sound;  
I slipped just as I left his door,  
And with my jaw wiped up the floor.  
Now of a set of thirty-four,  
I've only one.

Only one-one mighty nation of the earth,  
Only one,  
Where glorious freedom had her birth;  
All people love their banner bright,  
The stars and stripes are my delight,  
And Yankee land I think all right,  
The only one.