

# Theyve All Got A Wife But Me - song lyrics

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Theyve all Got a Wife but Me  
As sung by Ben Dodge.

A story true I'll tell to you,  
Of the troubles of my life;  
Though in love I've been-like many other men-  
I never could get a wife;  
For the girls are so shy (but I can't tell why),  
And sad it is to relate;  
Though I've tried and tried, till I've almost died,  
Still I cannot find a mate.

Chorus.  
There's the monkey and the dog, the turtle and the frog.  
The fishes that swim in the sea;  
And the pretty little squirrel, with his tail up in a curl,  
Oh, they've all got a wife but me.

When first in love, head o'er heels I dove,  
It was with a girl named Lize;  
She'd a nose hard to beat, she'd number ten feet,  
And a pair of codfish eyes;  
I offered my hand, in a style quite grand,  
And what do you suppose?  
She said very cool, that she wasn't such a fool,  
And she turned up her pretty little nose.

Spoken-It made me outrageously mad to think that she went  
back en me after I squandered all my wealth upon her-not that  
I cared for the money, but I hated to realize that-

Chorus.  
There's the chickens and the cat, the weasel and the rat,  
The 'skeeter and the bumblebee;  
The cunning little lizard and the naughty old buzzard,  
Oh, they've all got a wife but me.

My love number two, was a girl named Sue,  
Who clerked in a dollar store;  
Each day I dressed in all my best,  
And wandered past the door.  
I wrote her a letter (oh, I ought to know better),  
And asked her to share my lot;  
Next day I met her "feller, and he thumped me in the smeller,  
That was all the answer I got.

Spoken- Oh, I tell you it is a horrible thing to contemplate-  
just to think that I am left to enjoy single wretchedness, while-

Chorus.  
There's the horse and the steer, the goat and the deer,  
The hornet, the wasp and the flea;  
The fussy little coon, and the ugly old baboon,  
Oh, they've all got a wife but me.