

If I Had A Dollar Note - song lyrics

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A man who hasn't got a cent is hard up you will say;
But I've no doubt that some of you are oftentimes that way;
Of course, you back the favorite, and hope to make it pay;
But when your money is all gone, you're more than apt to say:

Chorus.

If I only had a dollar note, how happy I would be,
I'd back the favorite once more and play at policy;
For if I lost my money, sure I'd pawn my overcoat;
And such a glorious sport I'd be if I had a dollar note.

The dude who gets just six a week oft tries to cut a dash;
And on some charmer whom he meets, will freely spend his cash;
To balls And parties they will go, and sometimes to the play;
But when his money is all gone, you'll plainly hear him say:

Chorus.

If I only had a dollar note, how happy I would be,
I'd take my dear Jemima Ann down by the deep blue sea;
We'd take a trip to Coney Isle upon the big steamboat;
And such a glorious time we'd have if I had a dollar note.

The man who works from morn till night and gets just two per day
Is apt to go off on a toot whene'er he draws his pay;
Of course his wife looks out for that; she'll rob the poor old joy,
And when he sees that he's dead broke, you'll plainly hear him say:

Chorus.

If I only had a dollar note, how happy I would be;
I'd paint the town a crimson hue and have a jolly spree;
I'd leave my work upon the docks and to a bar-room float,
And such a glorious drunk I'd have if I had a dollar note.

Sometimes a man in feeble health will try the artful dodge,
And ten to one he's sure to join a beneficial lodge;
He'll work the snap for all it's worth, so he can draw sick pay,
And every time he feels unwell, you're sure to hear him say:

Chorus.

If I only had a dollar note, how happy I would be;
I think the lodge should ante up while I'm In misery;
For sure it's broken up I am since when I rode the goat.
And I think 'twould make me well again if I had a dollar note.