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She Was One Of The Early Birds

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It was at the Pantomime
Sweet Mabel and I did meet
She was in the ballet (front row)
And I in a five shilling seat;
She was dressed like a dicky bird,
Beautiful wings she had on,
Figure divine, wished she were mine,
On her I was totally gone.

CHORUS

She was s dear little dicky bird,
“Chip, Chip, Chip,” she went,
Sweetly she sang to me
Till all my money was spent;
Then she went off song
We parted on fighting terms.
She was one of the early birds,
And I was one of the worms.

At the stage door ev’ry night,
I waited with my boquet,
Till my bird had moulted, and then
We’d drive in a hansom away.
Oyster suppers and sparkling “Cham”
Couldn’t she go it! What ho
Fivers I spent, tenners I lent,
For to her I couldn’t say “No”.

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Elskin coats and diamond rings
Knocked holes in my purse alone,
She would have ‘em and in the end
I got hers by pawning my own.
When at last I was fairly broke,
‘Twixt us a quarrel arose,
Mabel the fair pulled out my hair,
And clawed all the skin off my nose.

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Full of love and poverty,
And armed with a carving knife,
I dark night I knelt in the mud
And asked if she’d be my wife.
Something struck me behind the ear,
Someone said “Now go and get
Wife of your own, leave me alone!”
And that was the last time we met.

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