

The King's Breakfast

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Parts (5): Queen Dairymaid Alderney--cow King ALL



This is a RHYTHMIC piece and should be read as such.

ALL: The King asked the Queen and the Queen asked the Dairymaid:

King: "Could we have some butter for the Royal slice of bread?"

ALL: The Queen asked the Dairymaid. The Dairymaid said:

Dairymaid: "Certainly, I'll go and ask the cow now before she goes to bed."

ALL: The Dairymaid she curtsied, and went and told the Alderney:

[2]: "Don't forget the butter for the Royal slice of bread."

ALL: The Alderney said sleepily:

Alderney: "You'd better tell his Majesty
That many people nowadays like marmalade instead."

ALL: The Dairymaid said,

Dairymaid: "Fancy!"

ALL: and went to Her Majesty.
She curtsied to the Queen, and turned a little red.

Dairymaid: Excuse me, your majesty, for taking of the Liberty,
But marmalade is tasty, if it's very thickly spread."

ALL: The Queen said,

Queen: "Oh!"

ALL: and went to His Majesty:
"Talking of the butter for the Royal slice of bread,
Many people think that marmalade is nicer.
Would you like to try a little marmalade instead?"

ALL: The King said,

King: "Bother!"

ALL: and then he said

King: "Oh, deary me!"

ALL: The King sobbed,

King: "Oh, deary me!"

ALL: and went back to bed.

King: "Nobody,"

ALL: he whimpered,

King: "could call me a fussy man.
I only want a little bit of butter for my bread."

ALL: The Queen said,

Queen: "There, there!"

ALL: and went to the Dairymaid.
The Dairymaid said,

Dairymaid: "There, there."

ALL: and went to the shed.
The cow said,

Alderney: "There, there! I really didn't mean it;
Here's milk for his porringer and butter for his bread."

ALL: The Queen took the butter and brought it to His Majesty.
The King said,

King: "Butter, eh?"

ALL: and bounced out of bed.

King: "Nobody,"

ALL: he said, as he kissed her tenderly,

King: "Nobody,"

ALL: he said, as he slid down the bannister,

King: "Nobody, my darling, could call me a fussy man...
But I do like a little bit of butter for my bread."

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