

‘Get a Little Table’ performed by Mick and Sarah Graves

Sarah Graves: It’s been sung here a lot of times. It’s got a chorus. And it’s a song all about the advantages, to men, of being married. [Laughter]

Mick Graves: Does anyone want me to expound on this song?

Audience: It’s obviously going to be a short song!

Mick: It is a very short song..

Sarah: I always point that the song doesn’t mention the advantages to women of being married, because we all know there aren’t any...

Audience: Oh yes there are!

Sarah: Right, there’s the chorus, which we hope you’ll join in.

[Music]

*Now a married man has comforts which
A single man has not;
His house is always tidy,
and his meals are always hot.
No matter what your trouble is,
Your wife will follow you through.
So if you want to marry boys,
This is what you’ll do.*

*Get a little table, get a little chair,
Get a little house in the corner of the square,
Get a little teapot and save a little tin,
And don’t forget the cradle for to rock the baby in.*

Recorded by Jim Etheridge at Chelmsford Folk Club on 18 July 1982. The song was originally a music hall tune and is known by several names – including ‘The Lincolnshire Wedding Song’ (or ‘The Lancashire Wedding Song’). Read more about the recording on Essex Archives Online: [SA 30/6/402/1](#)