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COCK ROBIN COURTING JENNY WREN.



COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE OF COCK ROBIN AND JENNY WREN.

When Jenny Wren was young,
When prettily she danced,
And sweetly, too, she sung,



Cock Robin lost his heart:—

He was a gallant bird;

He bowed to pretty Jenny,

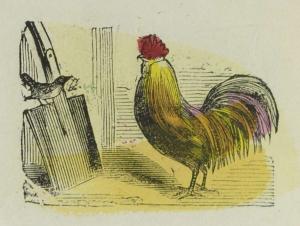
And then these words she heard:—

"My dearest Jenny Wren,
If you will now be mine,
You shall dine on cherry pie,
And drink nice currant wine."



Jenny blushed behind her fan,
And thus declared her mind:—
"Then let it be to-morrow, Bob,
I take your offer kind.

Cherry pie is very good,
And so is currant wine;
But I will wear my russet gown,
And never dress too fine."



So Robin rose up early,
And he bade the Cock declare,
That this would be his wedding-day
With Jenny Wren the fair.

The Cock then blew his horn,

To let the neighbours know

That this was Robin's wedding-day,

And all might see the show.



Now first came Parson Rook,
With spectacles and band;
He brought with him his book,
And held it in his hand.

Then followed him the Lark,

For he could sing so sweet,

He attended as the Clerk,

In feathers trimmed quite neat.



The Goldfinch came the next,

To give away the bride;

The Linnet, as the young bridesmaid,

Walked by Miss Jenny's side;

Then the Blackbird and the Thrush,
And the charming Nightingale,
Who nightly warbles from its bush,
In every grove and dale.



The Sparrow, and Tom Tit,
And many more were there;
All came to grace the wedding-day
Of Jenny Wren, the fair.

At last came Bride and Bridegroom,

Quite plainly she was dress'd;

She blushed so much, her cheeks became

As red as Robin's breast.



"And now," says Parson Rook,"

"Who gives the Bride away?"

"I," says the Goldfinch, "Here's her hand;

And her fortune I will pay."

"Now, will you have her, Robin,
To be your wedded wife?"
"I will," says Robin, "and I vow
To love her all my life."

"And will you have him, Jenny,
Your husband now to be?"
"I will," said Jenny, "and vow, too,
To love him heartily."

Then on her finger fair,

Cock Robin put the ring;

"You're married now," says Parson Rook:

"Amen!" the Lark did sing.





The Birds were asked to dine;
Not Jenny's friends alone,
But every pretty songster
That had Cock Robin known.

They'd cherry pies and tarts,

Besides some currant wine,

And every guest brought something nice,

That all their friends might dine.



Each guest then took a bumper,
And bowing to the pair,
Said, "Here's to Robin Redbreast,
And Jenny Wren, the fair."

Most charming was the concert;
And every songster tried
Who best should sing for Robin
And Jenny Wren, the Bride.



Now in bounced the Cuckoo,
And made a great rout;
He rudely seized Jenny,
And pulled her about.

Cock Robin was angry,
And so was the Sparrow;
Who fetched, in a hurry,
His bow and his arrow.



His aim then he took,

But did not take it right;

His skill was not good,

Or he shot in a fright.

For the Cuckoo he missed,
But Cock Robin he killed!
And all the birds mourned
That his blood was so spilled.



Then four of the party
Soon bore him away;
And so sadly ended
Cock Robin's wedding-day.



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