

# Lolly Too-Dum

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As I went out one morn - ing to breathe the morn - ing air,  
Lol - ly too - dum, too - dum, lol - ly too - dum day.  
As I went out one morn - ing to breathe the morn - ing air,  
I heard a dear old mo - ther say - ing, "O my daugh - ter fair,"  
Lol - ly too - dum, too - dum, lol - ly too - dum day.

2. "You better go wash them dishes, and hush your flattering tongue,"  
Lolly too-dum, too-dum, lolly too-dum day.  
"You better go wash them dishes, and hush your flattering tongue;  
You know you want to marry, and that you are too young,"  
Lolly too-dum, too-dum, lolly too-dum day.
3. "Oh, pity my condition just as you would your own,  
For fourteen long years I've lived all alone."
4. "Supposing I was willing, where would you get your man?"  
"Why, Lordy mercy, Mammy, I've picked out handsome Sam."

5. "Supposing he would slight you, just as you done him before?"  
"Why, Lordy mercy, Mammy, I could marry forty more."
6. "There's peddlers and tinkers and boys from the plow,  
Oh, Lordy mercy, Mammy, the fit comes on me now."
7. "Oh, now she is married and well for to do,  
Six married daughters, now I'm on the market too."
8. "Why, Lord sakes, Mammy, it's who would marry you?  
There's no man alive would want a wife as old as you."
9. "There's doctors and lawyers, and men of all degree,  
And some wants to marry, and some will marry me."
10. "Now I am married, it's well for to be,  
Ha, ha, ha, you jolly girls, the fit is off of me!"

Verses from Lomax, Alan, *Our Singing Country*