

## Proverbs and Expressions

There is no good accord where every man would be a lord.  
All is not gold that glisters.  
All is well, Jack shall have Jill.  
All is well that ends well.  
I proud and thou proud, who shall bear the ashes out?  
Bachelors boast how they will teach their wives.  
Some bargains dear bought, good cheap would be sold.  
Bear with them that bear with you.  
Beggars should be no choosers.  
Of a good beginning comes a good ending.  
Be not busy or bold with your biggers or betters.  
Black will take no other hue.  
If the blind lead the blind they both fall in the dike.  
Great boast and small roast make unsavory mouths.  
A bow long bent at last must wax weak.  
Better bow than break.  
He would have better bread than is made of wheat.  
When all candles be out, all cats be grey.  
The cat knows whose lips she licks well enough.  
The cat would eat fish but she will not wet her feet.  
The burnt child dreads the fire.  
Children learn to creep before they learn to go.  
The nearer the church the farther from God.  
Every cock is proud on his own dunghill.  
It is a dear collop that is cut out of one's own flesh.  
Of a ragged colt comes a good horse.  
It is a poor cook that cannot lick his own fingers.  
The crow thinks her own birds [chicks] fairest in the wood.  
Dear bought and far fetched are dainties for ladies.  
Be the day never so long, at last they ring to evensong.  
Dinners cannot be long where dainties want.  
Hungry dogs will eat dirty puddings.  
Enough is as good as a feast.  
That the eye sees not, the heart rues not.  
He that is afraid of every fart must go far to piss.  
It will not out of the flesh that is bred in the bone.  
It is as folk do, not as folk say.  
When the fox preaches, beware our geese.  
Frenzy, heresy and jealousy are seldom cured.  
A friend is never known till a man have need.  
They must hunger in frost that will not work in heat.  
God is no botcher.  
God sends a shrewd cow short horns.  
Beware of had I wist.  
Better half a loaf than no bread.  
Half-warned is half-armed.

It is merry in hall if beards wag all.  
It is hard halting before a cripple.  
Empty hands no hawks allure.  
Many hands make light work.  
It is better to be happy than wise.  
Haste makes waste.  
More haste less speed.  
When the head aches all the body is the worse.  
Two heads are better than one.  
It is ill healing an old sore.  
Nothing agrees less than a lady's heart and a beggar's purse.  
Where the hedge is lowest, men may soonest over.  
They that be in hell ween there is no other heaven.  
Everyone bastes the fat hog, while the lean one burns.  
Home is homely, though poor in sight.  
Hope of true tune shall tune one from despair.  
The common horse is worst shod.  
It is a good horse that never stumbles.  
Hunger makes hard beans sweet.  
To make a good husband, make a good wife.  
Strike while the iron is hot.  
The keys hang not all by one man's girdle.  
Better late than never.  
He that will sell lawn before he can fold it shall repent him before he has sold it.  
He that will thrive must ask leave of his wife.  
A man may so handle his own dog that he will make it bite him.  
A man may bring a horse to water but he cannot make him drink unless he will.  
A hasty man never wants woe.  
Every man after his fashion.  
Every man for himself and God for us all.  
Every man as he loves, quoth the good man when he kissed his cow.  
Every man knows best where the shoe wrings.  
Every man can rule a shrew save he that has her.  
Better to be an old man's darling than a young man's warling [despised person].  
Who waits for dead men's shoes shall long go barefoot.  
Who that may not as they would, will as they may.  
Feed by measure and defy the physitian.  
Of little meddling comes great rest.  
Might overcomes right.  
More belongs to a household [i.e. a marriage] than four bare legs in a bed.  
The more the merrier, the fewer the better fare.  
Cloudy mornings turn to clear afternoons.  
You can see a mote in another man's eye but you cannot see a beam in your own.  
A mouse in time may bite in two a gable.  
To see much, say little, and do less.  
He that will not when he may, when he would he shall have nay.  
Who can sing so merry a note as he that cannot change a goat.

Nothing is impossible to a willing heart.  
Who can do nothing shall have nothing.  
Nought venture, nought have.  
The first point of hawking is to hold fast.  
Little pot soon hot.  
So long goes the pot to the water that at length it comes home broken.  
Poverty parts fellowship.  
Pride goes before and shame comes after.  
Even reckoning makes long friends.  
Good riding at two anchors men have told, for if the one fail the other may hold.  
Soon ripe, soon rotten  
Rome was not built in a day.  
Where saddles lack, better ride on a pad than on the horse bareback.  
Saying and doing are two things.  
Who so blind as he that will not see.  
What shall be, shall be.  
Who is worse shod than the shoemaker's wife?  
Out of sight out of mind.  
It may be slander but it is no lie.  
Better is the last smile than the first laughter.  
Snatching will win nought, though you snatch 'til morn.  
He must have a long spoon that will eat with the devil.  
A rolling stone gathers no moss.  
One swallow makes not summer.  
Good tales well told are marred if ill heard.  
The best or worst thing to a man for his life, is good or ill choosing his good or ill wife.  
Take all things as they come and be content.  
Things done cannot be undone.  
Who meddles in all things may shoe the gosling.  
They that think none ill are soonest beguiled.  
Three may keep counsel if two be away.  
The tide tarries for no man.  
Time lost we cannot win again.  
Take time when time comes lest time steal away.  
Who will in time present pleasure refrain shall in time to come the more pleasure obtain.  
The tongue is no edge tool yet it will cut.  
Let not your tongue run at rover.  
Use makes mastery.  
There be more ways to the wood than one.  
Wedding and hanging to by destiny.  
A good wife makes a good husband.  
It is an ill wind that blows no man good.  
A wonder lasts but nine days.  
Fair words hurt not the tongue.  
Few words to the wise suffice.  
If you seem wise in words, be wise in deeds.  
Provide for the worst, for the best will save itself.

It is hard to wive and thrive both in a year.

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To set all at sixes and sevens.

To send the axe after the helve.

You would eat your cake and have your cake.

They agreed like two cats in a gutter.

To cut your coat according to your cloth.

He would lie as fast as a dog will lick a dish.

To wash one's face in an ale clout.

Neither flesh nor fowl nor good red herring.

He goes a gleaming before the cart has carried.

You might have gone farther and fared worse.

As nice as a ha'pennyworth of silver spoons.

The hair of the dog that bit one.

As mad as a March hare.

To hold with the hare and run with the hound.

You shall as soon catch a hare with a tabor.

To set the hare's head against the goose giblets.

A long harvest for little corn.

Make hay while the sun shines.

His head is full of bees.

As much hold of his word as of an eel by the tail.

Either win the horse or lose the saddle.

What you won in the hundred you lost in the shire.

Give an inch and he will take an ell.

To be high in the instep.

A leaf of borage might buy all the substance they can sell.

Malt is above wheat with him.

He would make him believe the moon is made of green cheese.

One may as soon break his neck as his fast.

He has not a penny to bless himself with.

To rob Peter to pay Paul.

He has much prayer but little devotion.

To give one's purse a purgation.

It is sooner said than done.

He knows on which side his bread is buttered.

As meet as a sow to bear a saddle.

To take the wrong sow by the ear.

You would be over the stile before you come to it.

You stumble at a straw and leap over a block.

To tell tales out of school.

Her tongue runs on pattens.

You praise the vine before you taste of the grape.

Weather meet to set paddocks [frogs] abroad in.

A wolf in a lamb's skin.