The Maiden And The Lamb - song lyrics

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THE MAIDEN AND THE LAMB.
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Once there dwelt a little maiden in the merry long ago:
And the maid whose name was Mary had a lamb as white as snow.
He would go where'er she led him, she fed him on verbal jam-
If you list I'll tell you all about the maiden and the lamb.

Refrain.
Mary had a little lamb, whose Christian name was Joe,
And everywhere that Mary went the lamb was sure to go;
It took all that the lamb could earn to buy her jewelry.
For my sweetheart is Mary and I am the lamb, you see!

One night while out promenading, this poor lamb fell in a snare.
And all through a dainty maiden, who had beautiful blonde hair.
He invited her to supper, also to a glass of "chain,"
While his money lasted Mary never left the little lamb.

REFRAIN.
Oh, Mary ordered quick and fast, which made the lamb feel ill,
And when the waiter brought the check he couldn't pay the bill;
So Mary left the little lamb in all his misery-
The blonde-haired girl was Mary And I was the lamb, you see!

Soon this little lamb got married, like a silly lamb would do;
Mary promised she would never give him cause the step to rue.
When the honeymoon was over, all her love did disappear.
And if that poor lamb don't leave her he will be dead within a year.

Refrain.
For Mary has a little lamb who foolishly got wed,
And now he has to light the fire while Mary lies in bed;
He has to break the kindling wood and make her nice warm tea,
Oh, my wife is the Mary and I am the lamb, you see!

Once this lamb he met a shepherd, with a kind and smiling face.
And he asked the lamb if he would come to his abiding place.
he would show him pretty pastures where he could "gambol "all the day.
Silly lamb believed the shepherd, once again he went astray.

Refrain.

The shepherd took the little lamb to "gambol "on the green,
And sold the lamb some ivory chips-the first he'd ever seen;
The lamb he played until he was in total bankruptcy,
The shepherd was a bunco man and I was the lamb, you see!