Just To Be Obliging - song lyrics

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When but a child my home I left to battle life alone;
Before I started father said in soft and gentle tone:
"Where'er on earth you chance to roam, whate'er be your intent,
Be sure to bear in mind one thing, it does not cost a cent-

Refrain.
"Just to be obliging, just to be polite;
Always be obliging, you will and this motto right.
Where'er on earth you travel you'll find it to your gain;
If you treat a man politely, he will call on you again."

While standing on a corner once a lady said to me:
"Won't you, please, hold my baby, sir? A favor it will be."
She looked to be respectable, in manners and in dress,
And, taking up the little one, I told the lady yes.

Refrain.
Just to be obliging, just to be polite;
Suddenly she turned around and ran with all her might.
She left the baby with me, I've looked for her in vain;
I will not be so obliging in a case like that again.

I staggered home last Friday night as drunk as I could be,
I called my wife to help me up the stairs to bed, you see.
"Get out. you brute! "she answered back, "this spree you will repent;
I hope you'll fall and break your neck!" Then backward down I went.

Refrain.
Just to be obliging, just to be polite;
Always try and please your wife, for you will find it's right.
I thought I was a goner, while lying there in pain:
You can bet your life I'll not go home when I get drunk again.

A jay got on a horse-car where a sign hung o'er the door,
Which read the company objects to spitting on the floor,
And looking down he noticed that the floor was very neat,
And careful not to break the rules, he spit upon the seat.

Refrain.
Just to be obliging, just to be polite;
People sitting opposite began to scream with fright;
The driver loudly shouted, "Young man, are you insane?"
And the big conductor punched him, so he'll not do that again.