And Then He Woke Up - song lyrics

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In the garden of Eden, 'midst flowers and trees,
Lay Adam in slumber deep,
For he was a bachelor, all at his ease,
in quiet and bliss complete.
But he thought it a lonely and sorrowful State,
And he cheerfully traded a rib for a mate,
And he dreamt of fair Eve. and she pleased him first rate,
And then be perceived his mistake.

Chorus.
Beautiful dreams, that come and go-
"Oh, I'm the new woman," said Eve, "you know,"
You will now climb a tree
And pick apples for me,
And then he woke up.

I once played the races, a system I had,
I worked on it night and day,
The book-makers loved me, though I became sad;
"He's an angel" I heard one say.
Only once in my life did my luck smoothly ran;
-I picked out a winner, two hundred to one:
He came under the wire like a shot from a gun.
And then I perceived my mistake.

Chorus.
Beautiful dreams that come and go-
in my bath tub I ordered champagne to flow!
I burned money for fun,
And bought bonds by the ton,
And then I woke up.

In a leisurely way I went walking one night,.
Where bicycles wildly dash:
One started for me and I dodged left and right.
But it landed me with a crash.
For a fight with the villain I started in quick.
While remarks of an indigo nature fell thick;
I thought 'twas a man, and I really felt sick.
For then I perceived my mistake.

Chorus.
Beautiful dreams that come and go-
A voice said, "I hope that the rip wont show;
Give a poor girl a chance
If she does ride in trousers,
And then I woke up.

A man may be happy provided he has
A wife who is fond and true;
Each night he goes home to his dear little lass,
To gaze in her eyes so blue;
They bill and they coo, just as young people do.
And the things that they say don't concern me or you;
His sal'ry is small, but it's plenty for two,
And then they perceive their mistake,

Chorus.
Beautiful dreams that come and go,
There Is no one to blame when it happens so,
But the trouble begins
When the doctor says twins*
And then they wake up.

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* Baby cry.

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