

If We Were A Rich Church

Music by Jerry Bock, 1964; lyrics by Patrick Dubois, March 2009

If we were a rich church, yubby dibby dibby dibby dibby dibby dum,
All day long we'd do amazing things, if we were a wealthy church.
Wouldn't need a Pledge Drive, yubby dibby dibby dibby dibby dibby dum,
If we were a biddy biddy rich, financially stable church.

We'd build a big, tall house with rooms by the dozen that the homeless could afford;
Solar-panelled roof with non-toxic floors below.
And anyone needing shelter would always be welcome; none would ever be ignored.
And we'd let the politicians know!

We'd fill our yard with chicks and turkeys and geese, free-range and organically fed,
Garden vegetables like you've never seen.
And all the food we produce would help feed the hungry; each would have their daily bread.
Everyone would say this church is green.

If we were a rich church, yubby dibby dibby dibby dibby dibby dum,
We'd create such strong community, if we were a wealthy church.
Wouldn't need to fund-raise, "we need this", "we need that", "can we have a little more?",
If we were a biddy biddy rich, financially stable church.

We'd show our children how to think for themselves, enjoying life in every way,
Learning how each being can belong.
We would create and share and dance all traditions, celebrate each blessed day,
Blend our voices singing spirit's song.

The most important men in town will come to fawn on us.
They will ask us to advise them, like a Solomon The Wise.
"Help us please, Unitarians!" "Write our policies, Unitarians!"
Posing problems that would make the Dalai Lama cry.
Yah-da dee da da Yah-da da da Yah-da da da Daa!

If we were rich we could do more for justice and peace throughout the entire human race;
Honouring each person's spiritual call.
We'd teach the world to come together and see divinity in every living face –
That would be the sweetest thing of all!

If we were a rich church, yubby dibby dibby dibby dibby dibby dum,
Ev'ry day we'd help to heal the world, if we were a wealthy church.
Wouldn't need this Pledge Drive, yubby dibby dibby dibby dibby dibby dum,
In these times when spending really hurts,
You know UCV should come first,
Don't forget what community is worth!
Then we'll be a wealthy church!