The Wishing Wife

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Once upon a time there was a man who scorned his wife He was never happy with his lot or with his life His manners they were miserable And he couldn't be polite and his wife found a wishing well one morning

She said I wish to all you'll hear me I wish with all I see Take this man and make him small As small as he can be...

This man he was as spoilt as the cat that got the cream He would shout and swear and carry on like you have never seen Childlike and stubborn like a mule by the sea then his wife found a wishing well one morning

She said I wish to all you'd hear me I wish with all I see Take this man and make him kind As kind as he can be...

This man he took no pleasure in the beauty of the land Money was the only thing that he could understand Selfish as a clam he was Let all the rest be damned then his wife found a wishing well one morning

She said I wish to all you'll hear me I wish with all I see Take this man and make him smile As happy as can be...

That night they fell asleep within the comfort of that bed A strange wind was whispering just what the wife had said In the morning where the man had laid there was a dog instead and his wife cried for joy in the morning!

She said I wish to all you'll hear me I wish with all I see Take this man and make him mine For all eternity...