

Needlecases



I once was a farm - - er and foll - owed my plough

If you think I'm a charm - er just look at me now

All tatt - ered in rags from bot - tom to top

Don't you think that I've be - - come ____ a wand - 'ring rag shop?

Chorus

Need - le - cas - - es, won't you buy ____ one? You'll ____ buy one I'm sure

You'll buy a case of need - les from Jack that's so poor.

2. I once had a table all lined with good food
Of eating and drinking and all that was good
But now I've no table, no friends nor all that
I'm obliged to get a crust from the crown of my hat.

3. Now if you won't buy one I suppose I must leave
But to leave such good company it does my heart grieve
For to leave you all here, but if I should come back
You'll buy a case of needles from poor hopping Jack.

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