

# Gotta Sell Them Chickens

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Intro - G

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Well my pappy told me as I was sittin' on his knee

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About the birds and the bees and such

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You can do right proud in a college crowd but you ain't gonna learn that much

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Get your degree in the ABC's and dig out the cold hard facts

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You've got to sell them chickens before they die - and the eggs before they hatch

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Now I was told at the Super Bowl when the crowd let out a roar

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A big 'ole back with a ball and jack and went on in to score

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The coach recalled when he spiked the ball said forget the old cotton patch

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(intro G)

I wanna sell them chickens before they die and the eggs before they hatch

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Old slugger's ball was a-headin' to the wall with what looked like a home run clout

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But the fielder's glove went high above and caught it for the final out

On the sporting page he was all the rage

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When they asked him how he made that catch

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Well I sold them chickens before they died - and the eggs before they hatch

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Now the boxing king climbed into the ring to fight for the title bout

But a right to the jaw was all he saw as the ref was a countin' him out  
The manager said as he shook his head - son you done lost this match  
You gotta sell them chickens before they die and the eggs before they hatch (intro-G)

Now a friend I know searched high and low for the secrets to success  
And he didn't stop 'til he got to the top of old Mt. Everest

An old guru told him - all he knew - as he thumbed through his artefacts  
You gotta sell them chickens before they die - and the eggs before they hatch

Break - G-C-G-D-G-E7-A

Now the moral here should be clear and it's one I'd like to share  
Just be yourself like nobody else and you might become a millionaire  
Your reply when they wonder why how'd you make all that scratch  
Well you sold them chickens before they died - and the eggs before they hatch  
Yeah want to know how you made that dough just tell them how to make a batch  
Just sell them chickens before they die - and the eggs before they hatch

(Intro in A) .... E-A