

## **Hank Thompson**

# **"Gotta Sell Them Chickens"**

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GOTTA SELL THEM CHICKENS  
WITH JUNIOR BROWN  
Writer Hank Thompson

(Hank}

Well, my pappy told me as I was sittin' on his knee  
About the birds and the bees and such You can do right  
proud in a college crowd But you ain't gonna learn that  
much Get your degree in the ABC's And dig out the  
cold hard facts You've got to sell them chickens before  
they die And the eggs before they hatch

(Junior}

Now I was told at the Super Bowl When the crowd let  
out a roar  
A big 'ole back with a ball and jack Went on in to score  
The coach recalled when he spiked the ball Said forget  
the old cotton patch  
I wanna sell them chickens before they die And the  
eggs before they hatch

(Hank}

The old slugger's ball head to the wall With what  
looked like a home run clout  
But the fielder's glove went high above And caught it  
for the final out  
On the sporting page he was all the rage When they  
asked him how he made that catch Well, I sold them  
chickens before they died And the eggs before they  
hatched

(Junior}

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

(Hank}

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 artifacts

You gotta sell them chickens before they die  
And the eggs before they hatch

(Both}

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 hatched

(Both}

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

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