

Johnny Cash

"Don't Take Your Ones To Town"

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A young bird named Birdie B
had learned to count to one.
He said its time to leave the nest
and go and have some fun.
So he gathered all the number ones
that he could find around,
but his good friend cried as he walked out

Don't take your ones to town, son.
Leave your ones at home, bird.
Don't take your ones to town.

He laughed as he strolled out the door
and bid his friend goodbye.
He said "no one can count to one as well or fast as I
and if anybody tries" he said "I'm gonna count him
down"
but his friend cried as he walked away

Don't take your ones to town, bird.
Leave your ones at home, bird.
Don't take your ones to town.

As he walked along he counted things
he saw along the road.
"One cow," he said "one horse, one tree,
one house, one dog, one too"
and every time he counted one
he threw a number down
and his good friend's words echoed again

Don't take your ones to town, son.
Leave your ones at home, bird.
Don't take your ones to town.

When Birdie Big reached town
a man and a woman raged a fuss
"If you can count so well" they said
"well here we are. Count us!"
Birdie Big stared at his ones
and saw they wouldn't do.

"Ha ha," the man and woman said

"You can't count up to two, son
All you know is one, bird
You can't count up to two"

Though Birdie Big felt sad
our story has a happy end.
The man and woman said
"Hey bird, why dont you be our friend?
We'll teach you how to count so high,
you'll wear the count'n crown
and tell your mom to drop in too,

whenever she's in town.
you both can count on us, bird
whenever you're in town."

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