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## TWO MAIDS A MOPING

by John Cosper

**GENRE:** Comedy

synopsis: Two of the eight maids-a-milking discuss the lover who buys the twelve days worth of gifts for his beloved, wondering why he does it when it will soon be forgotten...just like the first Christmas gift no one seems to remember.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN: 4** 

**TOPIC:** Christmas

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Luke 1-2

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas** 

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon Starter, Illustration

**CHARACTERS:** 

GLADYS AND MIDGE - maids-a-Milking

A Lord-a-Leaping A Lady Dancing

PROPS: Milk buckets

**COSTUMES:** Milk maid costumes; a ballerina costume; a Renaissance

lord costume

**SOUND:** Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

**SETTING:** The estate of a much-loved woman

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GLADYS and MIDGE enter, carrying pails of milk, two each. They speak in cockney British accents (if possible), and are dressed in peasant rags.

**GLADYS:** How much longer have we got to keep this up?

**MIDGE:** Two more days is what I'm hearin'.

**GLADYS:** Two more days freezin' our socks off milkin' cows, and for what? So Juliet will

know how much Romeo loves her?

MIDGE: At least we're working, Gladys. I dunno 'bout you, but I need the money.

**GLADYS:** I need the money too, but is it worth it?

MIDGE: Could be worse.

**GLADYS:** Could it?

MIDGE: Yeah! We could have his job.

The LORD leaps his way across the stage.

GLADYS: I'd take his job in a heartbeat. You know how much he's makin'?

MIDGE: No.

**GLADYS:** A sight more than you and I.

MIDGE: What, for leapin' about like a frog?

**GLADYS:** The dancing ladies are making a bit more as well.

**MIDGE:** Really?

**GLADYS:** It's that union they've got. I told you we should've listened when Olga was goin' on 'bout organizing.

The DANCING LADY dances her way across.

MIDGE: Does seem a bit much, isn't it? All this zoo and pageantry.

**GLADYS:** And not a bit of it makes sense. What modern woman wants a partridge in a pear tree?

**MIDGE:** Lousy bird won't stay up in it, either! Every morning he's out and the four calling birds are up in it callin' away.

**GLADYS:** And makin' a nasty mess underneath that tree.