



The Spiderling Waltz

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Verse 1

On the branch of a maple, on the banks of a pond
A dutiful mother stands guard o'er her young
She's wrapped them up snug in a silken cocoon
And she knows that their hour of hatching is soon

Yodelay-hee-hoo

Verse 2

Her darling spiderlings finally emerge
They stretch their 8 legs and they build up their nerve
To leave their mother, their web and their home
And sail away into the wide world along

Yodelay-hee-hoo

Verse 3

They crawl to the ends of the leaves and the twigs
Letting out silk in long glittering threads
The breeze comes and catches the silk like a kite
And those spiderlings rise up and take to the sky

Yodelay-hee-hoo

CHORUS

**Oh, the sky is filled with tiny little spiders
Ballooning above on the breath of the wind
The sky is filled with tiny little spiders
No telling where they might land in the end
Tell me little spider the places you've been**

Verse 4

Way up in the sky with the clouds and the birds
Our daring travelers look down on the Earth
Though many get eaten and many get lost
A few of them hit the arachnid jackpot!

Yodelay-hee-hoo

Verse 5

One landed in Brussels, and one in Quebec
Another in Turkey, another Tibet
One found a small island in a tropical sea
Yes, those spiderlings know how to travel for free

Yodelay-hee-hoo

CHORUS

Verse 6 (extended)

One came down in a neighborhood,
It might have been yours
And built her own web underneath a back porch
She catches and eats flies and skeeters each day
And along with her kindred
That eat billions more
and keep all those pests
From becoming a scourge
And if I were you
Tell you just what I'd do
I'd thank a little spider for doing its part
For all of nature, for me and for you!

CHORUS