

# If You Need a Chair

If you need a chair, And your neighbor is a chair maker,  
Why not rock on over and find the perfect fit, for you to sit?

If you need some bread, And your town has a bread baker,  
Why not get it fresh--it's best--from the baker down the street? Isn't that neat!

If you need a plum And your neighbor grows plums and onions,  
Why not buy them right there in the neighborhood? So fresh and good!

If you need a broom And someone near excels at making brooms,  
Why not sweep across the street for a brand new broom? Then clean your room.

We can save a whole lot of trouble and have a stronger community  
If we all do a little more shopping locally!

If you need a sign, Down the road is a sign painter,  
Why not have him paint exactly what you need? A graphic deed.

If you need some eggs And your neighbor has lots of chickens,  
Why not scramble along and purchase a dozen or two— for egg drop soup!

You could save a chair or a broom or an egg traveling many miles,  
Crossing oceans, and deserts, and mountains, or waiting at the dock for the next  
ship, big truck, long train or a crowded airplane...  
What a waste of time, and CO2

If you need a tree And your friend is a tree grower,  
Pick a pair of pear trees for your lovely yard? It's not so hard!

If your friend needs a song And you are a song weaver,  
Why not build a song for your neighbor, And barter for some trees? If you please.

We can save a ton of trouble a little mini micro economy,  
From the farm, orchard, fruit stand, or the stores on Main Street  
—and be neighborly....

If you need a shirt (dress), And down the road is a shirt maker  
You could have a pretty shirt made so nearby, and then a tie!

If you love tamales (I love tamales!)  
and down the street is a tamale-ologist-  
Buy them fresh, to enjoy in your brand new chair,, so there!

These are the things that make your community sweet, or spicy!  
And keep it safe and healthy.

Less trucks, less oil, less fumes, less traffic jams, and  
(spoken)

More open spaces, clean air, pride in our work, sharing and exchange.....  
more time to watch the sunset, to play croquet and horse shoes with your friends,  
time to bake a cake for the school, volunteer at the animal shelter

I love the quality of life here!

La la la la la,  
la la la la

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