

The Crowded Barn ~ script sample

- COCKEREL:** This is my barn! Cock-a-doodle-doo!
- 3 HENS:** Yes, dear.
- COCKEREL:** I'm the only king here.
- 3 HENS:** Yes, dear.
- COCKEREL:** (*importantly*) I rule that there is no call for another king.
- 3 HENS:** No, dear.
- The Rats scuttle out from their corner.*
- RAT 1:** (*mimicking*) Yes dear, no dear. Just listen to them.
- RAT 2:** What we gonna do, Ratsy?
- RAT 1:** Dunno. Looks bad.
- RAT 3:** (*dejectedly*) If there's a king, he won't want rats.
- RAT 4:** No. Kings don't like rats.
- RAT 2:** We'll be turned out.
- RAT 4:** Without a grain of corn to our names.
- RAT 3:** (*sniffing*) Orphans in the night.
- RAT 1:** (*Idea*) We could always sit up on the rafters with the old clucks ~ nobody would notice.
- HEN 1:** (*outraged*) Certainly not! This is our perch. There's no room for anyone else.
- COCKEREL:** I rule that only feathered creatures are allowed on the rafters.
- RATS:** (*squeakily*) Yes dear.
- COCKEREL:** Impertinence!

