

A bit of light relief

Some of you may already have come across this rather clever pastiche of Lewis Carroll's *Lobster Quadrille* from *Alice in Wonderland*, but for the benefit of those who are unfamiliar with it, you may enjoy this bit of light relief from all the more serious Brexit issues which are dominating the news:-

*Won't you join our Common Market? said the Spider to the Fly,
It really is a winner and the cost is not too high,
I know De Gaulle said "Non", but he hadn't got a clue,
We want you in, my friends and I, for we have plans for you.*

*You'll have to pay a little more than we do, just for now,
As Herr Kohl said, and I agree, we need a new milch cow.
It's just a continental term believe me, mon ami,
Like "Vive la France" or "Mad Anglais" or even "E.E.C."*

*As to the rules, don't worry friend, there's really but a few,
You'll find that we ignore them – but they all apply to you!
Give and share between us, that's what it's all about
You do all the giving, and we all share it out.*

*It's very British, is it not, to help a friend in need?
You've done it twice in two World Wars, a fact we must concede,
So climb aboard the Market Train, don't sit there on the side,
Your continental cousins want to take you for a ride.*

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