

Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas by Lucinda Gifford

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Whitney and Britney are two gorgeous chooks [chicken], fluffy and silky, with stunning [surprise] good looks.

They <u>live</u> with the elegant Dora von Dooze *[+ <u>fox</u>] and from morning till night time the chickens just . . . Snoozzze! [bed/sleep]

'<u>Wake</u> up, darling chickies [chicken]!' says Dora [+ fox], perplexed [puzzled].
'I want your <u>sweet company</u>, not just your eggs!'
But Whitney and Britney doze [sleep] on, counting sheep [dream].
So what are they doing when Dora's [+ fox] asleep [bed/sleep]?

At nine every night, the chooks [chickens] leap to their feet [stand]. They hop over fences and <u>flap</u> down the street. Down [go] to Club [party] Sparkles [star] they have to [must] be fast . . .

'Come in!' says Miss Razzle [+ crocodile], 'you're on [perform] at half past!'

And on go the sequins [star], tiaras [crown] and bling. The curtain goes up . . . and the chooks [chicken] start to sing. And what a performance — the crowd's [group] in a fever [excited]! It's Whitney and Britney, The great [good] . . . CHICKEN DIVAS

Back in the yard [home], with sore <u>wings</u> and tired legs, the <u>kind</u> Chicken Divas lay [make] Dora [+ <u>fox</u>] two eggs.

'Morning!' says Dora [+ <u>fox</u>], As she pops [<u>visit</u>] by the coop [house]. But Whitney and Britney are utterly pooped [tired]!

'Dozing [bed/sleep] again?' Dora [+ <u>fox</u>] says [talk] with a sigh <u>[breathe]</u>. Then a gleaming <u>[star]</u> pink sequin catches her eye <u>[look/see]</u>. And what's this pink boa?

And this sparkly [shiny] ring? And can that be glitter [star] on Whitney's left wing?

Dora [+ <u>fox</u>] is thinking, 'Tonight I will snoop <u>[investigate]</u>!' So later <u>[after]</u> that evening <u>[night]</u> she peeks <u>[look]</u> in the coop <u>[house]</u>.

'I knew it!' thinks Dora [+ fox].
'They're out [go] having fun [party].
I'm getting my glad rags [dress up].
'The night is still young [early]!'

It's late at Club [party] Sparkles [star] and in the [group] front row, a <u>secretive</u> stranger [person] is watching [look] the show [performance].

And Whitney and Britney are taking the floor . . . They <u>wow</u> and they dazzle [<u>impress</u>]! The crowd [<u>group</u>] <u>claps</u> for more!

Such <u>wonderful</u> chooks [chicken]!' cheers [celebrate] the stranger [person]. 'Whoopee! [applause]' But who **is** this stranger [person]? The crowd [group] turns to see . . . It's Dora von Dooze [+ fox], The famous performer!

And Whitney and Britney see their dear Dora [+ <u>fox</u>]!

They rush [fast] to embrace [cuddle] her, sobbing [cry] with wonder. And then, being divas, they sing a jazz number.

Hurrah! [applause] Hurrah [applause] for the Divas!

Now Dora [+ <u>fox</u>] still <u>lives</u> with her two gorgeous chooks [chicken], fluffy and silky, with stunning [surprise] good looks.

And during the day they all snooze and they rest [bed/sleep]. But once the night falls, they are . . . Foxy [fox] and the Chickettes [chicken].