

BENNY AND NICELY

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ACT I, Scene 5, A street off Broadway

THE MISSION BAND enters and crosses from L. to R. They are playing "Follow the Fold." MARTHA leads, carrying a sign, duplicate of the one we saw in "Mission Interior" - Scene 2, with the exception that it shows that "Proverbs" has been rubbed off and "Isaiah" substituted. AGATHA is behind MARTHA playing the trombone, CALVIN playing the cornet, ARVIDE the bass drum and cymbals, SARAH with her tambourine. SKY is patiently following along behind. SARAH who is aware of his presence, gives an annoyed flounce as she gets to C. stage. NICELY sneaks on following SKY and notices the looks of annoyance that SARAH gives SKY. He looks after them from stage L.C. as BENNY follows on almost immediately. NICELY is still peering off stage R. as they all exit -

BENNY

Hey! Nicely!

(Observing the direction of Nicely's gaze)

What are you looking at?

NICELY

(Delighted, turning to Benny)

Sky was just following Miss Sarah, and you should have seen her.

(He gives an imitation of Sarah's snootiness)

She give him a look that would have cooled off a moose at mating time.

BENNY

(Crosses to R.)

Great! Just so he don't take her to Havana.

NICELY

Havana! He couldn't take this doll to New Rochelle - Where's Nathan? He ought to start lining up the game.

BENNY

I don't know - I suppose trying to see Adelaide. She's mad at him again.

(Peers off - looks at wristwatch)

NICELY

That Miss Adelaide. She is always taking his mind off honest work.

BENNY

(Crosses to L. pass Nicely)

Yes, it's too bad that a smart businessman like Nathan has to go and fall in love with his own fiancée.

NICELY

Benny, that is his weakness, and we should be tolerant, because I am told that it is a worldwide weakness. Look!

(Points out front)

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NICELY

WHAT'S PLAYING AT THE ROXY

(Takes BENNY to Stage C.)

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S PLAYING AT THE ROXY
A PICTURE ABOUT A MINNESOTA MAN,
SO IN LOVE WITH A MISSISSIPPI GIRL
THAT HE SACRIFICES EV'RYTHING
AND MOVES ALL THE WAY TO BILOXI
THAT'S WHAT'S PLAYING AT THE ROXY.

BENNY

(Hits NICELY in Chest)

WHAT'S IN THE DAILY NEWS
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S IN THE DAILY NEWS

(Shows paper to Nicely)

STORY ABOUT A GUY
WHO BOUGHT HIS WIFE A SMALL RUBY,
WITH WHAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN HIS UNION DUES
THAT'S WHAT'S IN THE DAILY NEWS.

(Puts paper in pocket)

NICELY

(Takes BENNY to R. stage)

WHAT'S HAPPENING ALL OVER?
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING ALL OVER.