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THE ECCENTRIC COMEDIAN

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CAN YOU TELL ME THE REASON WHY?	.40
WELL I SHOULD _	.40
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME.	.40

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Can you tell me the reason why?

TOPICAL SONG.

Words and Music
by BARNEY McDONOUGH.

VOICE. 

PIANO. *mf* 


1 Good mus - ic is al - ways quite


pleas - ing to the ear, Can you tell me the rea - son why? But

some you hear to day is ex - ceed - ing - ly queer, Can you tell me the rea - son

why? If your feel - ing quite ill, Got an aw - ful head - ache, And a

lit - tle dutch - band makes ev - er - y thing shake, don't you wish they were in Rome, or a

south - ern earth quake, Can you tell me the rea - son why?

2.
They say a red headed girl, and a white horse are mates,
Can you tell me the reason why?
By inspiration they seem to make dates.
Can you tell me the reason why?
A red headed girl, you see on the street,
And just around the corner, a white horse you meet,
Now if you'll explain the reason, I'll stand the treat.
Can you tell me the reason why?

3.
Policemen in a city are very useful indeed.
Can you tell me the reason why?
But do they get credit for every noble deed.
Can you tell me the reason why?
See a Policeman off duty; meet him on the street,
He is dressed just the same, as any other man you meet.
But you can always tell his business by the size of his feet.
Can you tell me the reason why?

4.
Did you ever meet a Dude, with a pocket full of boodle,
Can you tell me the reason why?
But how about the girl, who carries the poodle,
Can you tell me the reason why?
A man in our days must "get up and hustle,"
With one button on his pants, he often has to tussel,
But his wife must always have the latest style of bustle.
Can you tell me the reason why?

5.
Spiritualism in our days is growing very strong,
Can you tell me the reason why?
But to disturb a fellows rest don't you think its very wrong,
Can you tell me the reason why?
Now it may be very pleasing to hear from those who're passed away,
By Spiritualistic rapping through a medium they say,
But you'll find more honest spirits in a bar room any day.
Can you tell me the reason why?

6.
When you have the money you can always "let her go!"
Can you tell me the reason why?
But when your money's gone why you kind'er go it slow,
Can you tell me the reason why?
Go round to your grocer, and ask him for trust,
He will tell you C. O. D. otherwise he would bust,
You will always have a friend when you have the dust.
Can you tell me the reason why?

7.
You come home at night, you know, you know,
Can you tell me the reason why?
And the faster you walk, the slower you go,
Can you tell me the reason why?
You work the dead latch till your fingers are sore,
Then you pull the door bell, for an hour, or more.
But your wife is not surprised when she opens the door.
Can you tell me the reason why?

8.
The Donkey you know is very fond of kicking.
Can you tell me the reason why?
Of course its his nature, he can't be cured by licking,
Can you tell me the reason why?
But some people in this world, beat the Donkey in his way,
They kick in their sleep, and they kick all the day,
And they'll keep on kicking, until their laid away.
Can you tell me the reason why?

5
if you want to make use of this I will send you and
in your answer, with kind regards I remain
Yours truly
Wm. W. W. W.
Can you - Tell me - The Reason - Why?

This is not written hastily as I thought it.
-if the question
I finish each line with a pause into a pause thus -

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