

(For: "THE COURT JESTER")

"LIFE COULD NOT BETTER BE"

(MAIN TITLE)

SYLVIA FINE
SAMMY CAHN

CHORUS: (1)

LIFE COULD NOT BETTER BE
BETTER BE BETTER BE
IT COULD NOT POSSIBLY
NO SIRRAH SIRRAH SIRREE

SONGS COULD NOT GAYER BE
SOUND YOUR DO RE OR MI
RE MI FA SO LA SI
FA LA LA LA FOLLOW ME

WHY BE GLOOMY
CUT THY NOSE OFF TO SPITE THY FACE
HARK UNTO ME, A NOSE IS HARD TO REPLACE

SKIES COULD NOT BLUER BE
HEARTS IN LOVE TRUER BE
I'D SAY FOR YOU OR ME
LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY NOT EVEN PROBABLY
LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BETTER BE

CHORUS: (2)

LIFE COULD NOT BETTER BE
ON A ME-DIEVAL SPREE
KNIGHTS FULL OF CHIVALRY
VILLAINS FULL OF VILLAINY

YOU'LL SEE AS YOU SUSPECT
MAIDENS FAIR IN SILKS BE-DECKED
EACH TRIED AND TRUE EFFECT
FOR THE UMPTEENTH TIME WE RESURRECT

WE DID RESEARCH
AUTHENTICITY WAS A MUST
ZOOKS! DID WE SEARCH
AND WHAT DID WE FIND (sneeze) A LOT-O' DUST

(Cannon ball effect)

AFTER THE DUST HAD CLEARED
HALF THE CAST HAD A BEARD
AND I'M THE ONE AS YOU CAN SEE
FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS MERRILY
LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BETTER BE

(8 Bar Musical Interlude)

("LIFE COULD NOT BETTER BE" - cont'd.)

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WE ASKED SHAKESPEARE AND FRANCIS BACON WOULD THEY DECLARE
WHICH ONE WROTE THIS
AND THEY BOTH SAID, "GID OUDA DERE"

WHICH BRINGS US TO THE PLOT
PLOT WE'VE GOT QUITE A LOT
AS IT UNFOLDS YOU'LL SEE
WHAT STARTS LIKE A SCAREY TALE
ENDS LIKE A FAIRY TALE
AND LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BETTER BE!!!

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CHORUS: (1)

LIFE COULDN'T BETTER BE
BETTER BE, BETTER BE
IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY
NO, NO, NO, NO, NO SIREE!

SONGS COULD NOT GAYER BE
SOUND YOUR DO RE OR MI
RE MI FA SO LA SI
FA LA LA LA FOLLOW ME

LIFE'S FOR LIVING
IF YOU'LL PARDON THE PLATITUDE
LOVE'S FOR GIVING
AND THAT'S MY NEW ATTITUDE

SKIES COULD NOT BLUER BE
HEARTS IN LOVE TRUER BE
I'D SAY FOR YOU OR ME
LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY, NOT EVEN PROBABLY
LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BETTER BE!!!

CHORUS: (2)

LIFE COULD NOT BETTER BE
BETTER BE, BETTER BE
NO FEAR OF TYRANNY
NO, NO, NO SIRRAH SIREE

THERE IN YON MOAT IMMERSSED
FLOATS THE CURSED RAVENHURST
FRED'RICK IN PENANCE VOW
HE'LL BE CHANGING DIAPERS NOW

JEAN: WHEN I MET YOU
YOU WERE TIMID AND FULL OF FRIGHT
NOW THEY FETE YOU

DANNY: BECAUSE TODAY -- I'M AKNIGHT!

LOOK ON GRISELDA, SHE
WHO ONCE HAD A HEX ON ME
HER SNAP AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE (snaps and comes trance-like. Whole company snaps him out)

NO MORE RUNNING
UNDERCOVER AND UNDER ROCKS
FOR ALL THEIR CUNNING
THEY COULD NOT OUT -- FOX THE FOX

("LIFE COULDN'T BETTER BE" - cont'd.)

SO TO THE HAPPY END
GWENDOLYN AND GRISWOLD BLEND
THANKS TO EACH LITTLE FRIEND
THE REAL KING IS ON THE THRONE
JEAN IS MY VERY OWN
AND I WEAN YOU'LL ALL AGREE
THAT LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY
NOT EVEN PROBABLY
LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BETTER BE!!!

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Get it Get it Good



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(FINALE)

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BETTER BE, BETTER BE
NO FEAR OF TYRANNY
NO SIRRAH SIRRAH SIRREE

*100, 000, 101, YOU MIGHT
KITCHY KOO, " "
LIFE COULD NOT BETTER BE
THIS NO SIRRAH SIRRA SIRRA*

THERE IN YON MOAT IMMERSED
FLOATS THE CURSED RAVENHURST
ROD'RICK HIS HEAD MUST BOW
HE'LL BE CHANGING DIAPERS NOW

JEAN:

AT THE MOST YOU
WERE OH SO HUMBLE AND FULL OF FRIGHT
NOW THEY TOAST YOU

Once I fear you

DANNY:

BECAUSE TODAY -- I'M A KNIGHT

LOOK ON GRISELDA SHE
USED TO HAVE THE HEX ON ME
HER SNAP' ~~SIN~~ WHAT IT USED TO BE

(He snaps and is transfixed--entire company snaps twice - he comes to)

ALL:-

led by
Griselda

LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BETTER BE!

HALF CHORUS:

NO MORE RUNNING
UNDERCOVER AND UNDER ROCKS
FOR ALL THEIR CUNNING
THEY COULD NOT OUT -- FOX THE FOX

*Jean, Danny,
Fox*

Gene-

SO TO THE HAPPY END
GWENDOLYN AND GRISWOLD BLEND
THANKS TO EACH LITTLE FRIEND (Midgets)
THE REAL KING IS ON THE THRONE
JEAN IS MY VERY OWN

I used my Griswold Blend

ALL:

AND LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BETTER BE!!

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(Publication Version)

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SAMMY CAHN

CHORUS:

LIFE COULD NOT BETTER BE
BETTER BE, BETTER BE
IT COULD NOT POSSIBLY
NO, NO, NO, NO, NO SIREE!

DAYS COULD NOT SWEETER BE
COULD NOT COM - PLETER BE
IS SHE (HE) IN LOVE WITH ME?
YES OH YES OH YES SIREE!

YOU'RE A GLUM ONE
THE WORLD IS GLOOMY AND NOTHING'S RIGHT
YOU MEET SOMEONE
AND WHAT A CHANGE, OVERNIGHT

SKIES COULD NOT BLUER BE
HEARTS IN LOVE TRUER BE
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I WOULD SAY FOR YOU OR ME, LIFE COULDN'T POSSIBLY, NOT EVEN PROBABLY
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