

YES MR. MANIC



In the Manic Depressive Studios we're the board of acquiescence  
We do our job with dignity and modulated effervescence  
Our personalities may be negative but that does not affect it  
As long as we don't make a sound that would cause them to detect it  
When we're hired we're required just to radiate assurance  
For the rest its just a test of super-stoical endurance  
In Spain they say Si Si  
In France they say Oui Oui  
But in Hollywood the strain is less  
All we have to say is "Yes"  
The single syllable  
All doubt killabl  
The willy nillable "Yes"  
It's Yes Mr. Manic  
Yes Mr. Manic  
Yes Mr. Manic - Yes, Yes, Yes

We're the queens behind the scenes  
Tho' we mean nothing to you Sirs  
We're the producers mental goosers  
When the boss has a gripe  
It's our sten and our type  
That makes us queens behind the scenes

When my Mr. Zanuck  
Feels merely titanic  
And production goes into a coda  
I save the world celluloidal  
When I tighten my goidle  
And drown him in bicarb of soda

We're the mamas who fix  
When the hix nix stix pix  
We're the queens behind the scenes

When Goldwyn is busy  
The stars drive him dizzy  
Insisting on a personal call  
I can stall them with few words  
In his very own two words  
In-Possible That's all.

Our jobs they are lasting  
The couch does no casting  
So we answer the buzzers, ~~order~~ champagne  
If any's left ~~over~~ it won't go down the drain  
When he ~~wants~~ a genuine Hindu dancer ina jiff  
We get a gal fresh from Kansas and he won't know the diff  
So let the Sheridans steal the show  
We have the S. A. we don't need the B. O.  
To be Queens behind the scenes.

Voice

Mr. Manic is approaching his office  
Mr. Manic is on his way  
Mr. Manic is entering his office

ALL

Yes, yes, Mr. Manic - Good Day

MANE

Good morning girls, this is a lovely day - - Yes, Yes  
And the day to get our epic under way - - Yes Yes  
But before we begin don't you think - - Yes Yes  
We'd better sing our morning hymn to Manic Depressive Pictures Inc. YES.

ALL

Oh Manic Depressive  
Ever dominant never recessive  
No matter what you do we will 'ere be true to you  
You're the one thing we'll never think lessive, Manic Depressive.

(Dialogue using "No" write Mr. Manic a 1000 times and more - 500  
Planning Rebecca Cycle. Name new picture after wife Birdie -  
Send for talent scouts) (Credits)

SCOUTS

We'll go through every village every nook and every cranny  
We'll interview each maiden and her mama and her granny  
Always lurking never shirking ever strong and sturdy  
The talent scout will search about till he find the perfect Birdie  
Get on the track and don't come back till you find the perfect Birdie

(Dialogue to bridge next entrance)

SCOUT

Mr. Manic, I found her, the girl you're looking for  
She's been Miss Rhode Island 45 times, now who could ask for more

MANE

More I couldn't ask for, but she'd have more success  
If she were Miss Rhode Island about 44 times less

ALL

Yes Mr. Manic  
" " "  
" " " Yes, Yes, Yes

SCOUT 2

Mr. Manic I got her, Now don't get schizophrenic  
I'll admit she's slightly cross-eyed but she's very photogenic

MANE

You heard him, you heard him, he says she's photogenic  
No teeth, bow legs, a nose like a hoss and I shouldn't be squirtzophrenic

ALL

Yes Mr. Manic (Take)  
No Mr. Manic  
No Mr. Manic - Yes Yes Yes

SCOUT 3

Mr. Manic you need no further tax yourself  
Mr. Manic you can completely relax yourself  
I've found the perfect Birdie

MANIC

Ha ha! You make me merry

SCOUT

Yes. I found her stealing bread crumbs from the studio commissary

ALL

He found her. He found her. Now we can all be merry  
A Birdie would steal bread crumbs from the studio commissary

(Enter Birdie)

MANIC

My girl this is a great opportunity for you

Birdie

I don't want it

Boys

He said this is a sensational - a colossal opportunity for you

Birdie

You can keep it

All

What?

Birdie

It may be wonderful, sensational, great  
But once and for all please get this straight  
I've got no passion to be on the screen  
Pictures to me don't mean a bean  
I'll never be the burnt out toast of the coast  
Cause - - I hate the screen  
Clark Gable turns me green  
Take your Taylors and your Tracys  
I'll take a salesman in the basement at Macy's  
Give Cooper in uniform to Myrna Loy  
Me for a Western Union Boy  
You keep pictures by Mr. Mayer  
I'll take aspirin by Mr. Bayer  
I hate shorts and double features  
I hate glamour, I love school teachers  
I hate anything that's colossal  
I love brain and I hate muscle  
I'd rather be mailed for larceny  
Than read anything Louella Parsonny  
I hate epics I hate sagas  
Kindly frog me no more froggas  
I don't care what you all think

I say moving pictures have a definite and distinguishable odor

MANIE

All right, all right, now listen, you've had no experience

Birdie

No

All

Wonderful

Manie

You can't act

Birdie

No

All

Sensational

Manie

You don't wanna act?

Birdie

Positively not.

All

Perfect, colossal, super-sensation!

We've got the girl for part that she'll never have to play

It's a great big Manic Depressive Day

We've got the lines for the scenes that she'll never have to say

What a great big Manic Depressive Day

Birdie

I've got exactly the costume I'll never have to wear

And exactly the color I won't have to dye my hair

At last, at last another epic's under way

It's a great day for Manie

For Depressive it's titanic

It's a great big Manic Depressive Day!