

(DUFFY stomps on HANNIGAN's foot. ORPHANS exit cheering.)

MISS HANNIGAN

(MISS HANNIGAN limps to a chair)

She never misses. A fifty-thousand-dollar reward. A fifty thousand dollar reward! What I couldn't do with fifty thousand dollars. I hate that Annie so much you'd think I was her mother.

(ROOSTER and LILY, in disguise as RALPH and SHIRLEY MUDGE enter.)

start

ROOSTER

(Trying not to reveal their faces)

Excuse us, ma'am, we knocked upstairs but nobody answered. Are you the lady that runs this here orphanage?

MISS HANNIGAN

(Rubbing her foot)

Yeah.

LILY

Oh, Ralph, I'm scared. Somethin' coulda happened to her.

ROOSTER

Hush, Shirley. It's gonna be all right, Shirl. She's gonna be here and she's gonna be ours again.

(To MISS HANNIGAN)

Ma'am?

MISS HANNIGAN

Whatta ya want?

ROOSTER

Well, we had terrible troubles back then. We had to head North to Canada. Had to leave a baby here. On the front stoop.

LILY

Our little girl. Our Annie.



MISS HANNIGAN

(Stunned)

Annie. You're Annie's parents?

LILY

Please, nothin's happened to her?

MISS HANNIGAN

I can't believe it. Annie's parents. Where'd you say you come from again?

ROOSTER

We come from a little farm up in Canada...

LILY

Manitoba...

ROOSTER

... where they've got lots of chickens...

LILY

... little chickens...

ROOSTER

... and ducks...

LILY

...ducks...

ROOSTER

... and geese...

LILY

...Oh you should see all the geese...

ROOSTER

...and roosters.

(ROOSTER crows and whips off HIS disguise and scares HANNIGAN who crosses downstage right to get a bottle of liquor out of fabric basket.)

Gotcha, Sis!

MISS HANNIGAN

Oh, God, Rooster, I never woulda knowed it was you in a hundred years.



(MISS HANNIGAN takes a swig from her bottle)

ROOSTER

Fooled ya, Aggie. And we're gonna fool Warbucks, too.

(ROOSTER sits in chair left of desk)

LILY

Get ourselves fifty thousand big ones.

ROOSTER

(More excited than HE'S ever been)

This is gonna be the best bunco job ever, Aggie. I know a guy outta jail who can doctor up a fake birth certificate or any other papers you want. But we need your help, Sis, for details about Annie that can help us pull this thing off.

MISS HANNIGAN

(Thinks a beat)

Sure, I could help you. A lot. But what's in it for me...Ralph?

ROOSTER

Three way split, Aggie.

MISS HANNIGAN

(After a long beat)

Half.

LILY

(Outraged)

Half?

MISS HANNIGAN

(Darkly)

Half.

(Gets bolt of fabric and goes after LILY, but is stopped by ROOSTER)

ROOSTER

(Trying to stop a brawl from breaking out)

Half! Half! Half! Straight down the middle. Twenty-five grand each.



(ROOSTER)

But we gotta do it fast, Aggie. Give 'em some of the old Rooster razzle-dazzle. In and out. Two-three minutes at the most. Get the money, get the kid and get the hell outta town.

MISS HANNIGAN

Yeah, the kid, Annie. That's the problem. What would we do with her afterward?

ROOSTER

Aggie, that's no problem.

(ROOSTER flips open a long switchblade knife)

LILY

When the Rooster wants something to disappear, it disappears.

ROOSTER

(With sleight-of-hand, he makes the knife disappear)

For good.

HANNIGAN

(A little frightened by how far he'd go.)

Rooster!

ROOSTER

Come on, Aggie. We get the fifty grand, we blow this crumby town, and then Lil and me'll meetcha ...

MISS HANNIGAN

Where? ... Oh, yeah.

end

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EASY STREET, EASY STREET,
ANNIE IS THE KEY.
(YES SIRREE, YES SIRREE, YES SIRREE.)

(Spoken)

Yeah!

EASY STREET, EASY STREET
THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GONNA BE.
(ROOSTER and LILY run off - exit DSOP)

