

# Rooster / Lily

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*(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.)*

**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.

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**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.

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*(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.

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**(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.

# 19 — Easy Street Reprise

*(Rooster, Lily, Miss Hannigan)*

**ROOSTER, LILY & MISS HANNIGAN**

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 DSOB)*

# #13 - EASY STREET

ROOSTER: Aw, Aggie, how'd the two  
Hannigan kids ever end up like this?  
On the skids.

2 Freely

(ROOSTER)

1 I re - mem - ber the way our saint - ed moth - er would sit and

(HANNIGAN)

4 croon us her lul - la - by, She'd say, "Kids, there's a place that's like no

(ROOSTER)

7 oth - er, you got - ta get there be - fore you die. You don't

10 (HANNIGAN) (ROOSTER)

11 get there by play - ing from the rule book, you stack the a - ces, you load the

(TOGETHER)

13 dice!" Moth - er dear, oh, we know you're down there

15 lis - tening how can we fol - low your sweet ad - vice to

18 Tempo - Slow 4 "New Orleans"

(ROOSTER)

19 Eas - y Street, 20 Eas - y Street, 21

(HANNIGAN)

22 where you sleep 'til noon. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

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(TOGETHER)

26 (HANNIGAN)

27 yeah! She'd re - peat 28 Eas - y Street 29

30 Bet - ter 31 get there 32 soon.

33 Slower (Dialogue) 7