

A Musical Vaudeville Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse

Music by John Kander

Lyrics by Fred Ebb

LYRICS FOR "WE BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN" or

"The Press Conference Rag"
MASTER OF CEREMONIES:
Mr. Billy Flynn sings the "Press Conference Rag".
Notice how his mouth never moves. Almost.
Reporters and Windy City Songbirds with Mary Sunshine (throughout song):
WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?
Billy (as Roxie):
MISSISSIPPI.
Reporters:

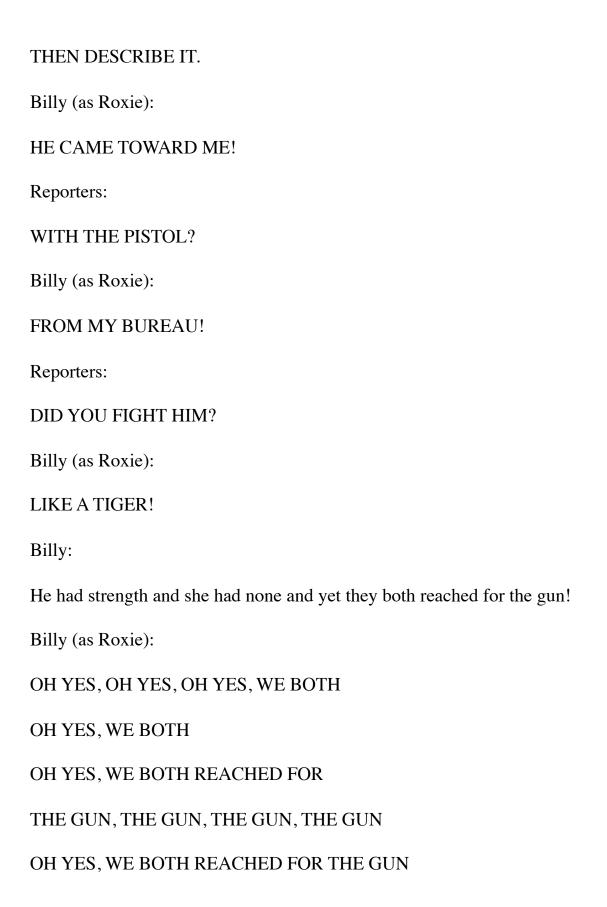
AND YOUR PARENTS?

Billy (as Roxie):

VERY WEALTHY.

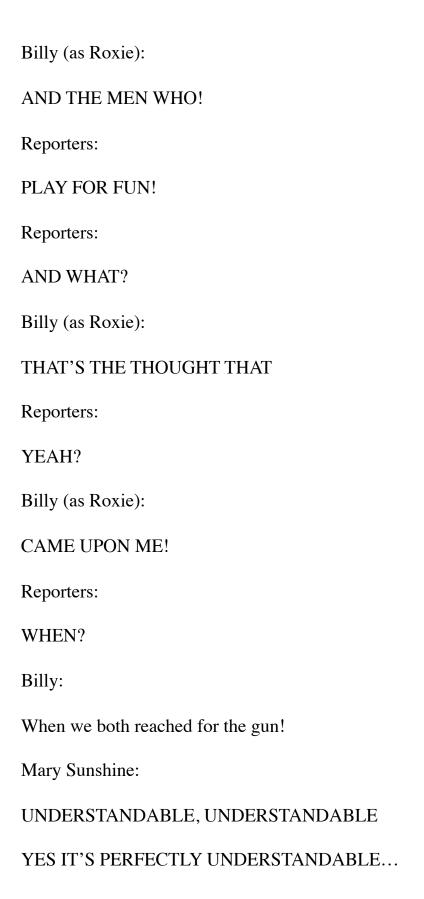
Reporters:
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Billy (as Roxie):
SIX FEET UNDER.
Billy:
But she was granted one more start!
Billy (as Roxie):
THE CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART!
Reporters:
WHEN'D YOU GET HERE?
Billy (as Roxie):
1920.
Reporters:
HOW OLD WERE YOU?
Billy (as Roxie):
DON'T REMEMBER!
Reporters:
THEN WHAT HAPPENED?
Billy (as Roxie):

I MET AMOS! AND HE STOLE MY HEART AWAY,
CONVINCED ME TO ELOPE ONE DAY.
Mary Sunshine:
A convent girl! A run away marriage! Oh it's too too terrible. You poor dear.
Reporters:
WHO'S FRED CASELY?
Billy (as Roxie):
MY EX BOYFRIEND.
Reporters:
WHY'D YOU SHOOT HIM?
Billy (as Roxie):
I WAS LEAVIN'.
Reporters:
WAS HE ANGRY?
Billy (as Roxie):
LIKE A MADMAN! STILL I SAID "FRED MOVE ALONG"
Billy:
She knew that she was doing wrong!
Reporters:



FOR THE GUN!
Billy and Reporters:
OH YES, OH YES, WE BOTH
OH YES, WE BOTH
OH YES, WE BOTH REACHED FOR
THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN
OH YES, WE BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN
FOR THE GUN!
Billy:
UNDERSTANDABLE, UNDERSTANDABLE,
YES IT'S PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE
COMPREHENSIBLE COMPREHENSIBLE
NOT A BIT REPREHENSIBLE
IT'S SO DEFENSIBLE.
Reporters:
HOW YA FEELING?
Billy (as Roxie):
VERY FRIGHTENED.
Reporters:

ARE YOU SORRY?
Roxie:
Are you kidding?
Reporters:
WHAT'S YOUR STATEMENT?
Billy (as Roxie):
ALL I'D SAY IS:
THOUGH MY CHOO CHOO JUMPED THE TRACK
I'D GIVE MY LIFE TO BRING HIM BACK.
Reporters:
AND?
Billy (as Roxie):
STAY AWAY FROM!
Reporters:
WHAT?
Billy (as Roxie):
JAZZ AND LIQUOR!
Reporters:
AND?



COMPREHENSIBLE, COMPREHENSIBLE

NOT A BIT REPREHENSIBLE

IT'S SO DEFENSIBLE!

Reporters:

OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR -

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN

FOR THE GUN.

OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR -

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN

FOR THE GUN.

Full Company:

OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR -THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN FOR THE GUN. OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, THEY BOTH OH YES, THEY BOTH OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN, (Lindsay brings a glass of water to Mr. Flynn and drinks that during last note...as Roxie moves her mouth and Mary Sunshine SINGS the note!) Billy: BOTH REACHED FOR THE... Mary: **GUN!** ALL: THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN,

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN!