

Chicago Musical, I can't do it alone

[VELMA (to Roxie)]

My sister and I had an act that couldn't flop
My sister and I were headed straight for the top
My sister and I earned a thou a week at least
Oh, sure!

But my sister is now, unfortunately, deceased

Oh, I know it's sad, of course

But a fact is still a fact

And now all that remains

Is the remains

Of a perfect double act!

[spoken]

Roxie, do you know you are exactly the same
size as my sister? Oh, you would fit in her wardrobe
perfectly. Look, why don't I just show you some of
the act, huh? Watch this.

[VELMA dances]

Now you have to imagine
this with two people.

It's swell with two people.

First I'd...(drums!)

Then she'd...(saxophone!)

Then we'd...(together!)

But I can't do it alone!

Then she'd...

Then I'd...

Then we'...

But I can't do it alone!

She'd say, "What's your sister like?"

I'd say, "Men,"

Yuk, Yuk, yuk

She'd say, "you're the cat's meow"

Then we'd wow the crowd again

When she'd go...

I'd go...

We'd go...

And then those ding-dong daddies started to roar

Whistled, stomped and stamped on the floor

Yelling, screaming, begging for more.

[spoken]

And we'd say, "O.K. fellas, keep your socks up.
you ain't seen nothin' yet!"

[VELMA dances]

But I simply cannot do it alone!

Well? What did ya' think? Come on, you can say.

[ROXIE gives her a raspberry]

O.K., O.K. The first part can always be rewritten.

But the second part was really nifty. Watch this.

Then she'd...(See, get it, right?)

Then I'd...(Then I'd kick really high...)

Then we'd...

But I can't do it alone!

She'd say, "What state's Chicago in?"

I'd say, "ILL!"

Did ya' get that?

She'd say, "Turn your motor off"

I can hear 'em cheerin' still

When she'd go...

I'd go...

We'd go...(Sideways!)

And then those two-bit Johnnies did it up brown

To cheer the best attraction in town

They nearly tore the balcony down

[spoken]

And we'd say. "O.K. fellas, O.K.,
we're goin' home, but here's a few more partin' shots!"
And this... this we did in perfect unison.
[VELMA dances]
Now, you've seen me goin' through it
It may seem there's nothin' to it
But I simply cannot do it
Alone!
[ROXIE turns her down]
Like the deserted bride on her wedding night
All alone and shaking with fright
With her brand new hubby nowhere in sight
I simply can not do it alone...