

Fred Astaire, They All Laughed

(from "Shall We Dance")

The odds were a hundred to one against me.
The world thought the heights were too high to climb.
But people from Missouri never incensed me.
Oh, I wasn't a bit concerned
For from history I had learned
How many, many times the world had turned.

They all laughed at Christopher Columbus
When he said the world was round.
They all laughed when Edison recorded sound.

They all laughed at Wilbur and his brother
When they said that man could fly.
They told Marconi wireless was a phoney.
It's the same old try.

They laughed at me, wanting you.
Said I was reaching for the moon.
But oh, you came through.
Now they'll have to change their tune.

They all said we never would be happy.
Darling, let's take a bow.
But ho, ho, ho.
Who's got the last laugh now?