

IF I ONLY HAD A BRAIN

Lyrics by E. Y. Harburg, Music Harold Arlen

C F C (F-C)
I could while away the hours, conferrin' with the flowers, consultin' with the rain
F G F C (F-C)
& my head, I'd be scratchin' while my thoughts were busy hatchin', if I only had a brain.

C F C (F-C)
I'd unravel every riddle for any individdle, in trouble or in pain.
F G F C (F-C)
With the thoughts I'd be thinkin', I could be another Lincoln if I only had a brain.

F Em Dm G C
O I could tell you why the ocean's near the shore.
Dm G Am D7 G7
I could think of things I never think before, and then I'd sit & think some more.
C F C (F-C)
I would not be just a nuffin, my head all full of stuffin' my heart all full of pain
F G F C (F-C)
And perhaps I'd deserve you & be even worthy of you if I only had a brain.

C F C (F-C)
When a man's an empty kettle he should be on his mettle, and yet I'm torn apart
F G F C (F-C)
Just because I'm presumin' that I could be kinda human if I only had a heart.
C F C (F-C)
I'd be tender I'd be gentle & awful sentimental, regarding love & art.
F G F C (F-C)
I'd be friends with the sparrows & the boy that shoots the arrows, if I only had a heart.

F Em Dm G C
Picture me, a balcony, above a voice sings low
Dm G Am D7 G7
Wherefore art thou, Romeo? I hear a beat - how sweet!
C F C (F-C)
Just to register emotion, Jealousy, Devotion, and really feel the part
F G F C (F-C)
I would stay young & chipper & I'd lock it with a zipper, if I only had a heart.

C F C (F-C)
Life is sad believe me missy, when you're born to be a sissy, without the vim & verve
F G F C (F-C)
But I could change my habits, never more be scared of rabbits, if I only had the nerve.
C F C (F-C)
I'm afraid there's no denyin', I'm just a dandelion, a fate I don't deserve
F G F C (F-C)
But I could show my prowess, be a lion, not a mowess, if I only had the nerve.

F Em Dm G C
Oh I'd be in my stride, a king down to the core
Dm G Am D7 G7
I'd roar the way I never roared before, and then I'd rrooof & roar some more
C F C (F-C)
I would show the dinosaur, who's king around the forres', a king they better serve
F G F C (F-C)
Why with my regal beezer I could be another Caesar, if I only had the nerve,