

SCENE 2

The bedroom. Three hours later.

AMOS

So I ah.....took the gun, Officer, and I shot him.

FOGARTY

I see, and your wife, Roxie Hart, was in no way involved. Is that right?

AMOS

That's right, Officer.

FOGARTY

Aren't you the cheerful little murderer.

AMOS

Murderer? Why just last week, the jury thanked a man for shooting a burglar.

FOGARTY

Well....that's just fine. Sign right there, Mr. Hart.

AMOS

Freely and gladly. Freely and gladly. A man got a right to protect his home and loved one's, right?

FOGARTY

Of course he has.

AMOS

Well, I come in from the garage, Officer, and I see him coming through the window.

FOGARTY

Uh huh.

AMOS

With my wife Roxanne there, sleepin' like an angel....an angel! I mean supposin', just supposin', he had violated her or somethin'...you know what I mean....violated?

FOGARTY

I know what you mean....

AMOS

...or somethin'. Think how terrible that would have been. Good thing I got home from work on time, I'm tellin' ya that! I say I'm tellin' ya that!

FOGARTY

(HE rolls the body over, face up.)

Fred Casely.

AMOS

Fred Casely. How could he be a burglar? My wife knows him! He sold us our furniture! She lied to me. She told me he was a burglar..

FOGARTY

You mean he was dead when you got home?

SCENE 4

An anteroom in the courthouse.

MATRON

I'm sorry, Aaron. She still says "no".

AARON

Jesus Christ, don't she know she'll be convicted!

HUNYAK

Uncle Sam jo es igazságos, o nem fog bortonbe csukni, mert artatlan vagyok.

MATRON

She says Uncle Sam is just and fair and he wouldn't put her in jail because she is innocent. Aaron, I think she's telling the truth.

AARON

What the hell has innocence got to do with it? Look, Mrs. Morton -- this is a court appointed thing. I don't get anything from this! Nothing!

MATRON

Whaddya want from me? I've done my best.

HUNYAK

Not....guil....ty.

AARON

Goddam foreign hunky nut.

HUNYAK

Fogok tetszeni Uncle Sam-nek?

MATRON

She says will Uncle Sam like her.

AARON

I don't give a Goddamn what she says unless it's "guilty."

HUNYAK

Not....guil....ty.

(BAILIFF enters.)

ROXIE

....gone.... all gone.

SONG: "NOWADAYS"

IT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT?
GRAND, ISN'T IT?
GREAT, ISN'T IT?
SWELL, ISN'T IT?
FUN, ISN'T IT?
NOWADAYS

THERE'S MEN, EVERYWHERE
JAZZ, EVERYWHERE
BOOZE, EVERYWHERE
LIFE, EVERYWHERE
JOY, EVERYWHERE
NOWADAYS

YOU CAN LIKE THE LIFE YOU'RE LIVING
YOU CAN LIVE THE LIFE YOU LIKE
YOU CAN EVEN MARRY HARRY
BUT MESS AROUND WITH IKE
AND THAT'S

GOOD, ISN'T IT?
GRAND, ISN'T IT?
GREAT, ISN'T IT?
SWELL ...

(ROXIE exits.)

ANNOUNCER

Ladies and gentlemen, the McVickers Theatre, Chicago's finest home of family entertainment, is proud to announce a first. The first time, anywhere, there has been an act of this nature. Not only one little lady but two! You've read about them in the papers and now here they are -- a double header! Chicago's own killer dillers -- those two scintillating sinners -- Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly.

(ROXIE and VELMA enter.)

SONG: "NOWADAYS" / "HONEY RAG" / "FINALE"

ROXIE and VELMA
YOU CAN LIKE THE LIFE YOU'RE LIVING

BAILIFF

He's ready for you.

MATRON

Well, here you go.

HUNYAK

Not guil....ty. Not guil....ty. Not guilty Uncle Sam.

MATRON

And now, ladies and gentlemen, for your pleasure and your entertainment -- we proudly present the one....the only....Miss Katalin Hunyak and her famous Hungarian rope trick.

(HUNYAK exits. Drum roll, crescendo, a noose drops to the floor and a cymbal crashes.)

ANNOUNCER

[After 47 years a Cook County precedent has been shattered. Katalin Hunyak was hanged tonight for the brutal axe murder of her husband. The Hungarian woman's last words were, "Not guilty."]