

Side 6 - Matilda, Earl

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~~Don't listen to those kids!~~

MATILDA

Roustabout, zip it!

CHAD

~~Lady, I been to plenty of towns, and there's always someone like you, bullyin' people into buyin' your version of what life should be! But I gotta say - you got an amazing little town here! There's something special about you folks - I mean, ever since I arrived, you all been fallin' stupid in love like it's nobody's business. Even me. Yeah, I met the greatest person here, and I fell head-over-heels in a way I never thought possible - How you doin', Ed? - Anyway, you know what I want now? I want what these two kids have. I mean, look at 'em - they're so much in love, they're willing to risk everything to be together. So lady, you can call it indecent, but I call it the most decent thing I ever did see.~~

MATILDA

Roustabout, since you came to town with that music, you...

EARL

Matilda, just shut up.

MATILDA

Earl, did you - speak?

EARL

That's right. And I'm not arresting anyone. Because the guitar-playin' roustabout is right!

MATILDA

Earl!

EARL

So your son wants to court this pretty young girl. What's so terrible about that?

MATILDA

What's so terrible? Can't you see, she's a - ...

EARL

For goodness sake, Matilda, don't you ever get tired of judging people?

MATILDA

No.

EARL

And making me arrest folks for indecent behavior. Sometimes, woman, a little indecent behavior is good for you!

MATILDA

But I thought you agreed with me, Earl?

EARL

I haven't agreed with a damn thing you've said in fifteen years.

MATILDA

Then why have you followed me around for all this time?

EARL

Because I'm in love with you.

(CROWD gasps)

That's right. You're a strong, domineering, unreasonable woman. You remind me of my mother.

MATILDA

Earl, come to your senses! It's the influence of that music and...

EARL

Matilda, in one moment, I'm gonna kiss you, and I'm gonna kiss you hard. Why, I'm going to kiss you so hard, it'll clearly be indecent. So then I'm going to have to arrest myself. But I don't care, woman -

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- because I'll be the happiest man who ever rotted away in prison.

~~WISE MEN SAY -~~

~~MATILDA~~

~~Earl, don't -~~

~~EARL~~

~~ONLY FOLKS RUSH IN -~~