

Coleman Cy

"On The Twentieth Century"

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Music by Cy Coleman

Lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green

From the 1978 musical "On The Twentieth Century"

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Saddle up the horse without delay

Ship ahoy, we sail at break of day

Ours not to question

Ours not to reason

Ours to obey!

Let down the drawbridge

While you keep the motor racing

Maybe we'll have to swim the river

Working for Jaffee, though continually crazy,

Also destroys the heart and liver

What's new today

We're gonna sneak away

To a shower of rotten eggs

With our tails between our legs

On the Twentieth Century, the Twentieth Century

In Drawing Room A!

Hey! Hey! Hey!

We point with the deepest pride
To the grandest ride
On the New York Central Railroad
The aristocrat of locomotive trains
New York in sixteen hours
Anything can happen in those sixteen hours
On that mighty ride
That mighty miracle of engineering trains
Ride that mighty miracle of engineering trains
On the Twentieth Century
On the Twentieth Century
On the Twentieth Century
On the Twentieth Century
On the luxury liner of locomotive trains
On the luxury liner of locomotive trains
Our hearts will be motion reels
When this prince of wheels
Starts to make its daily journey
Either Chi-N.Y.
Or else N.Y. to Chi
New York in sixteen hours
Anything can happen in those sixteen hours
As the flight all across the night
America the beautiful was high
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On the luxury liner between N.Y. and Chi

Life and love and luck

May be changed

Hope renewed (renewed)

And fate rearranged

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