

## Irving Berlin

### "Ladies Of The Chorus"

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Ladies of the chorus  
That's what we are, it appears  
We were inducted and we took a vow  
We joined the Army but look at us now  
We're ladies of the chorus  
Don't we look lovely, my dears  
In corsets and dresses  
And cute golden tresses  
To hide the dirt behind our ears

I was a plumber  
I quit work last summer  
My number come up at the start

I was a printer  
I quit work last winter  
They okayed my lungs and my heart

I was a farmer  
Potato embalmer  
They took me away from the plow

I was a packer  
I chewed plug "terbaccar"  
I wish I had some of it now

Oh, now we're in the chorus  
Dressed up in girdles that squeeze  
We're here to romance with  
To sing and to dance with  
A bunch of nerdy guys like these

GUYS: Pardon me, but aren't you the country maiden?  
GALS: Pardon me, but aren't you the city chap?  
GUYS: Cuddle closer won't you please  
I'm about to take a squeeze  
GALS: If you do then I will give your face a slap  
GUYS: I would love to take you home to meet my  
mother  
I would like to [...] mother but I can't  
She will treat you like a queen

GALS: But I'm only seventeen  
If you are seventeen, then so's my aunt

GALS: Hi ho! I want you to behave  
GUYS: Hi ho! I think you need a shave

GALS: Do you think that you can get me into pictures?  
GUYS: If you're nice to me I'll get you on the screen  
GALS: How about a movie test?  
GUYS: Not with hair upon your chest  
GALS: And now it's time to dance but keep it clean

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