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### "It Doesn't Take a Genius"

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GRISWOLD:

It doesn't take a genius to make us feel egregious  
By rhyming words like "nevermore"

REYNOLDS:

With "four" and "score" and "chamber door"  
And "days of yore" and "more and more"

GRISWOLD:

Etcetera, etcetera

ALL:

Etcetera, etcetera

GRISWOLD:

You wouldn't think a plagiarist would be so unoriginal  
It's more than just offensive,

REYNOLDS:

Why it's positively criminal!

GRISWOLD:

So nevermind the premature, let's get on with the  
burial!

REYNOLDS:

We've heard it all before!

ALL:

We've heard it all before!

GRISWOLD:

If some felon steals your jewelry you'd want him locked  
away,

REYNOLDS:

He's a criminal! He's a criminal!

GRISWOLD:

But if he steals your words and makes a fortune from  
the play,

REYNOLDS:  
He's no genius! He's no genius!

GRISWOLD:  
Integrity is all I ask, the jury has a simple task  
Reviewing all the evidence, there really can be no  
defense,

REYNOLDS:  
He doesn't have the common sense to be a genius!

GRISWOLD:  
A genius.... a genius...  
A genius is somebody expanding our philosophy

REYNOLDS:  
Issuing mediocrity!

GRISWOLD:  
Avoiding all verbosity

ALL:  
Avoiding such verbosity

REYNOLDS:  
Poe writes of an orangutan who carries out a fiendish  
plan

GRISWOLD:  
Such animal could write the book itself it seems to me!

REYNOLDS:  
I've discovered a long-lost continent!

GRISWOLD:  
You're a genius! What a genius!

REYNOLDS:  
I've decided to run for president!

GRISWOLD:  
You're a genius... he's an idiot!  
And so my friends we'll all agree this only proves my  
theory  
It doesn't take a genius to be a genius!

ALL:  
No it doesn't take a genius to be a genius!

GRISWOLD:

There really is no doubt at all, he doesn't have the  
wherewithal  
The inspiration,

REYNOLDS:  
Application,

GRISWOLD:  
Concentration!

REYNOLDS:  
Education!

GRISWOLD:  
Innovation!

REYNOLDS:  
Reputation!

GRISWOLD:  
Dedication!

REYNOLDS:  
Perspiration!

ALL:  
Of true genius!  
(A genius, a genius, a genius...)

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