

## Berlin Irving

### "Innocent Bessie Brown"

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[1st verse:]

Innocent Bessie landed in the city  
From Kankakee the sights to see  
Fellows looked at her saying what a pity  
She's from the farm meaning no harm  
Ev'ry maiden, ev'ry gent  
When discussing she  
Said she must be innocent  
'Cause she came from Kankakee

[chorus:]

Innocent Bessie Brown  
Wanted to see the town  
Met upon the Avenue one afternoon fair  
A fellow who said, "'Aven't you an hour to spare?"  
So pretty  
Innocent Bessie Brown  
Went for an hour in town  
And when the day was breaking they were still  
partaking  
Of some fizzes of gin that fizzed within  
Innocent Bessie Brown

[2nd verse:]

Bessie was stopping with her second cousin  
Who was a beaut, cunning and cute  
Fellows would call upon her by the dozen  
Innocent Bess never could guess  
Where her cousin got such toys  
Diamonds more or less  
'Twasn't long before the boys  
Made a jew'lry store out of Bess

[2nd chorus:]

Innocent Bessie Brown  
Dressed in a country gown  
Bessie Brown was lonesome for a diamond or two  
But since she met the city she could loan some to you  
And she was  
Innocent Bessie Brown  
Lived in a country town

When Missus Morgan chubby, missed her darling  
hubby  
She began talking war while hunting for Innocent  
Bessie Brown

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