

## Berlin Irving

# "No One Could Do It Like My Father!"

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[1st verse:]

I hate to brag about my fam'ly but I must say that  
My father is the greatest man who ever wore a hat  
He always took things easy in an easy sort of way  
And when it came to taking things, just kindly let me  
say

[1st chorus:]

No one could do it like my father!  
Ever clever, stunning, cunning father!  
Other men might do the same  
But when it came to make a name  
No one could do it like my dad!

[2nd verse:]

At keeping servant girls, my father always was an ace!  
He had a certain way to keep the ladies in their place  
Their place was in the kitchen and his place to keep  
them there  
I don't know how he did it but I really must declare

[2nd chorus:]

No one could do it like my father  
Ever clever, stunning, cunning father  
Servants liked the cops, of course  
So father joined the police force  
No one could do it like my dad

[3rd verse:]

One night papa went in to see that great Salome dance  
You talk about attention, say! he gave her ev'ry glance  
He has my mother dancing now, her brain is in a whirl  
And only here last week he came home with a string of  
pearls

[3rd chorus:]

No one could do it like my father  
Ever clever, stunning, cunning father  
Now he always stays at home  
Mama has learned that dance Salome  
No one could do it like my dad

[4th verse:]

My mother weighs three hundred pounds but don't give  
it away  
She bought a brand new sheath gown and she wore it  
yesterday  
My father showed his dignity when mother showed her  
sock  
Then just to make the two ends meet he used a big  
padlock

[4th chorus:]

No one could do it like my father  
Ever clever, stunning, cunning father  
Neighbor Jones and his neighbor Lee  
Are hunting for my father's key  
And no one could do it like my dad

[5th verse:]

I haven't told you how my father and my mother wed  
She was an old maid, he a burglar underneath her bed  
She flashed a gun at father and said, "I must be your  
wife"  
My father wears a medal now for saving someone's life

[5th chorus:]

No one could do it like my father  
Ever clever, stunning, cunning father  
Mother thinks a lot of pa  
But father drinks to think of ma  
And no one could do it like my dad

[6th chorus:]

The other night when pa came home, he found to his  
surprise  
The iceman and my mother on the sofa making eyes  
He did not get excited, no! not one word did he say  
But when the iceman's bill came due, papa refused to  
pay

[6th chorus:]

No one could do it like my father  
Ever clever, stunning, cunning father  
Father proved he was no slouch  
He fooled them all when he sold the couch  
And no one could do it like my dad

[7th verse:]

When father went to school they tell me he was very  
bad  
They also say he had a purpose to make teacher mad

She'd make him stay in after school and pa would ne'er  
refuse  
For when it came to helping teacher tie her dainty  
shoes:

[7th chorus:]

No one could do it like my father  
Ever clever, stunning, cunning father  
Teacher knew a thing or two  
She always wore a low cut shoe  
No one could do it like my dad

[8th verse:]

We lived right by a railway station not so far from here  
And father would make faces at the passing engineers  
They'd all throw coal at father, yes they would upon my  
soul  
And when the winter came around we never needed  
coal

[8th chorus:]

No one could do it like my father  
Ever clever, stunning, cunning father  
First he got coal one by one  
And now he sells it by the ton  
And no one could do it like my dad

[9th verse:]

Around election time my father never knows his name  
Sometimes it's Breen, or Smith, or Green, Gilhouley or  
McShane  
Then other times it's Harrigan, O'Connor, or O'Dell  
They ought to call him "Winchester" 'cause he repeats  
so well

[9th chorus:]

No one could do it like my father  
Ever clever, stunning, cunning father  
When you see him change his coat  
You know that means another vote  
And no one could do it like my dad

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