Berlin Irving "Only For Americans"

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[Horace:] Countess, you're my pal. Hey, we gotta

celebrate

[Countess:] What?

[Horace:] Yeah, first to Montmartre, then the Moulin

Rouge, the Folies

Bergere!

[Countess:] Not at all.... [Horace:] Not Montmartre?

[Countess:] No.

[Horace:] Not the Moulin Rouge?

[Countess:] No.

[Horace:] Not the Folies Bergere?!

[Countess:] No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. They are

Only for Americans

The midnight life of gay Paree

The Frenchman he would never see

That's only for Americans

The prices in the smart cafe

The Frenchman he would never pay

The price that's more is only for

Americans from the U.S.A.

A Montmartre lady drops her hanky

And slyly winks her eye

That's only for the Yankee

The Frenchman wouldn't buy

Only for Americans

The Frenchmen on the boulevards

Don't buy those dirty postal cards

They're only for Americans

The little holes for peeping through

To see what naughty people do

The French would bore, they're only for

Americans from the U.S.A.

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Only for Americans

The shops with many real antiques

Antiques as old as seven weeks

Are only for Americans
The bed on which a king made love
Which there are several dozens of
The French pooh pooh, we sell them to
Americans from the U.S.A.

We buy your worn out mink and sables And fix them up like new Then simply change the labels And sell them back to you

Only for Americans
A Frenchman wouldn't be impressed
To see a show with girls undressed
That's only for Americans
The French don't go to naked shows
They've seen what's underneath the clothes
And each encore is only for
Americans from the U.S.A.

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Only for Americans
A Frenchman's food is very plain
Those fancy sauces with ptomaine
Are only for Americans
A Frenchman seldom eats the snails
With little ulcers on their tails
And all that cheese was made to please
Americans from the U.S.A.

While the American carouses Where crimson shadows creep The French avoid those houses They go to bed to sleep

Only for Americans
The season starts, they come to town
They turn the city upside down
We use their Yankee Doodle dough
To clean up Paris when they go

But we can't do without them We're simply mad about them The Americans The Americans The Americans from the U.S.A.

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