

Manhattan Transfer, The

"Meet Benny Bailey"

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(Music by Quincy Jones - Lyrics by Jon Hendricks)

Let me introduce you
I've heard that boredom's entered your life
And you're feelin' real low
Have you met Benny Bailey?
Well he's a fella that you should know

They tell me lassitude's has laid you low
An' you're losin' your grip
you must meet Benny Bailey
At least he's somebody who is hip

To cure an ennui, you need a bon nuit
It's part o' the joie de vie
And his attention, I'm loathe to mention
Is, incident'ly, available

And so if providence should decree
Who'll stand in the way
So you'll meet Benny Bailey
And you'll remember your lucky day

Background Vocals: Once you've met
You won't forget
No stuff
Benny's tough

[Repeat 1,2,3]

This could be your lucky day
Incident'ly, he's the sort
Tho' seen at court
Carries an awful lotta weight
In many less royal quarters
Filled with less than regal daughters
Quite the quixotic Romeo whom every
Filly'll know because they find his
Reputation wherever they go
Whether it's here
Or whether it's in another boudoir
Whee!

He's such a scandal, really
T' handle him demands a savoir fairer
And a great indulgence rarer
Than any that I've encountered surveyin' the scene
But never mind, I'll explain it later
The fact is that he's always ready to please
And that's aroused a lot o' chatter
But it really doesn't matter, not to him
No siree! It's 'bout as big t' him as any flea
He's gotta be maitre'd
Or so it seems to me
Wait'll y'meet, you'll see what I'm sayin'

[Background Vocals:]
Meet this cat
He's where it's at
That's right, outta sight
Benny Bailey
He's no slouch
For this I'll vouch
He's cool, he's no fool

To cure an ennui
You need a bon nuit
It's part of the joie de vie

He's the kind o' cat people hear about
But in a second-handed way
That there's nothing really clear about

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We're glad you got to meet Benny Bailey
I'm happy fin'ly meeting with you

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