

Not The Only One - song lyrics

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I always make the best of things whatever may betide,
And as I jog along in life I keep the sunny side;
For instance, when they locked me up in jail the other night
I looked upon the matter in this philosophic light:
I was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
I was not the only one! there were others just as bad,
So why should I feel sad? I was not the only one!

I always take in parties, and, in fact, I'm quite a swell;
In almost every club in town my face is known quite well.
I take well at 'most anything or any place of note;
At a swell affair the other night I look an overcoat!
But that was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
That was not the only one! I took half a dozen more
And skedaddled through the door, so that was not the only one!

New Jersey is a lovely place to live in, I don't think!
And just to stay there for a week would drive a man to drink!
One night I woke up with a start and what do you suppose?
I saw a big mosquito walking off with all my clothes!
But he was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
he was not the only one! some with whiskers long and gray
Sang "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay!" so he was not the only one!

Some people think that married life is destitute of joy
Unless you have a cradle and a little baby boy.
Last night when I complained because I heard my infant weep,
My wife exclaimed, "It isn't hard to put a boy to sleep!"
But he was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
He was not the only one! When he started in to roar
he awoke a dozen more, for he was not the only one!

When New York wanted cavalry I joined Troop A, of course;
The only thing I didn't know was how to ride a horse!
One day When through a public street we galloped four-abreast,
I stumbled, and the horse behind trod upon my chest!
But he was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
He was not the only one! On my chest I found a mark
Of a horseshoe deep And dark, And that was not the only one!

In a large room just off Broadway I once saw a crowd of men;
don't know what they meant, but they were calling "5 to 10!"
I saw no horses, so I knew it couldn't be a race,
Yet, all the same, I tore up tickets when I left the placet
And I was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
I was not the only one! to Uncle Isaac I applied,
And I found when safe inside that I was not the only one!

One day I went to New Orleans to see a little game,
When I returned I hadn't, got a dollar to my name!
A sporting friend said, "Back John L, Jim Corbett's got no show,"
But when I told him Jim had won he said, "I told you so."
And he was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
He was not the only one! John L. was so surprised
He was almost paralyzed, but he was not the only one!

A friend had been to dine with me, I took him home at four;
I helped him find the keyhole till his wife came to the door.
Said she, "I'd like to say one word when you are safe in bed."
And When he tried to get to sleep one awful word she said.
But that was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!

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That was not the only one! When she said, "It's brutes that drink!"
It consoled him some to think that he was not the only one!

I once was very thirsty, and a nice saloon was near;
Ten cents was all I had to spend and so I ordered beer.
Thought I, "If I should meet a friend another beer I'll stand,"
And, sure enough, a man came in and shook me by the hand.
But he was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
He was not the only one! He called in a base-bull nine,
Then some others fell in line, and they were not the only ones!

It used to be the caper, not so very long ago.
To say our ships were wash-tubs and our navy stood no show;
But now we have a cruiser that will cause no blush of shame;
"Tis one of which we should be proud, the New York is its name.
And that is not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
That is not the only one! In an awkward foreign job
We could trust to "fighting Bob," and he is not the only one!

This city it is noted for policemen brave and true,
So just a word I'd like to say about the "Boys in blue" :
When walking home one night, said I, "What faithful watch they keep!"
Just then I saw one on a step, and he was fast asleep.
But he was not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
He was not the only one! There were others by the score
Sleeping next to some side door, so he was not the only one!

When Death in pestilential form invades our shores by stealth,
It meets a stern antagonist in New York's Board of Health.
No politics should blind our eyes to well-deserved praise,
So now to Jenkins and the Board my hat I gladly raise.
And I am not the only one! Oh, dear, no!
I am not the only one! I'll bet half the people here
Would for Jenkins give a cheer, so I am not the only one!