

After The Fair - song lyrics

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A few years ago, as you very well know,
This nation determined to have a big show-
Where it should be, how carry it through,
A Committee was called with this object in view.
"Some wanted New York, some gay Washington,
But all of us know just how it was done;
For red tape they sought, found plenty to spare,
And that's how Chicago got the World's Fair.

Chorus.

After the Fair is over, after the people gone.
After they'd spent all their money, after the bills have come,
Many will then be sighing out from their deep despair,
For Chicago will be deserted after the fair.

Some people thought that New York was the spot,
And subscriptions came rolling in just like a shot;
They did all they could straightforward and square,
Determined by fair means to locate it there,
But what was the use of it, for after that
'Twas done by a man who was no Democrat;
Yet I don't think New York has a reason to care
That Chicago to-day has the World's Fair.- Chorus.

So now go ahead, we'll see what you'll do
(I think they'll be sorry, between me and you);
'Tis too far for workmen, they cannot get there,
And the railroads are charging a very big fare.
If 'twere held in New York, then how easy 'twould be-
All Europe would just have to cross o'er the sea;
But Chicago, you know, is a long way to go,
So poor folks ain't in it to see the world's show.- Chorus.