

# Since Maggie Bought The Parrot - song lyrics

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Since Maggie Bought the Parrot.  
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Ton have heard of Maggie Murphy, and the place she used to live;  
Do you know the reason why she had to move?  
It's a most peculiar story, and the facts to you I'll give,  
And ev'rything I tell you I can prove.  
It seems she bought a parrot, an educated bird,  
Who talked so much he stopped the parlor clock;  
He tried his conversation on the neighbors, so I've heard,  
And Maggie had to move around the block.

Chorus.  
He swore In Italian, in German and Greek,  
He talked the roof clean off the garret:  
When the neighbors and Maggie pass by they don't speak,  
Since she purchased that ill-spoken parrot.

One night, when Maggie's lover came to make an evening call,  
As usual he asked her for a kiss,  
When a voice from in the corner said, "You've got an awful gall;  
Go rush the can, I've had enough of this."  
She started to explain it, but he started for the door;  
She told him that he was her only joy.  
But again that wicked pretty poll put in his little oar  
And said, "All right, I'll get another boy."

Chorus.  
Her lover got chilly, and gave her the shake;  
She's living 'way up in a garret,  
She stands in the ballet for seven and cakes  
Since she purchased that ostracized parrot.

There's a lady, Mrs. Nolan, in the room next door to Mag,  
Has a monkey that's the apple of her eye;  
When the parrot told the monkey that his mouth looked like a bag,  
Then the feathers and the for begun to fly.  
When Maggie reached her little home at twelve o'clock that night  
The room looked like a place they keep old junk.  
When she spied the pretty Polly she exclaimed, "Well, you're a sight!"  
But the parrot said, "Wait till you see the monk."

Chorus.  
There's murder and arson and all sorts of crime,  
Takes place in that fourth-story garret;  
In fact, the whole street has a h-- of a time,  
And all on account of that parrot.