

# The Girl Who Made Her Fortune In The Ballet - song lyrics

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Now, we've heard a lot about the men who cut a mighty dash,  
Accumulated cash, and gone upon the mash:  
But I'll tell you of a maiden who did it in a flash,  
And she did it, boys, by dancing in the ballet.

Chorus.

And her mother took in washing, and her father lived on bluff,  
And her brother was a tough, and her sister "up to snuff,"  
But still the maid did only smile, she knew she'd make a mighty pile,  
And she did it, boys, by dancing in the ballet.

There came a duke across the sea, who saw the maiden dance.  
Her beauty did enhance, she won him with a glance:  
He asked her to become his wife, she jumped straight at the chance,  
And she did it, boys, by dancing in the ballet

Chorus.

But, on seeing mother washing, and hearing father bluff.  
And meeting brother tough, and sister "up to snuff,"  
He said it was an awful sin, and swore that he'd been taken in,  
By the girl whom he saw dancing in the ballet.

Now, the maid and her relations, met the noble duke next night,  
They punched him left and right, and would have killed him quite,  
Had he not vowed to wed the maid, and put the matter right,  
And she did it, boys, by dancing in the ballet.

Chorus.

Now he helps mamma with washing, and laughs at papa's bluff.  
And drinks with brother tough, and sister "up to snuff."  
And the maid is now a dutchess fair, respected, courted ev'rywhere,  
And she gained it all by dancing in the ballet.