She Is More To Be Pitied Than Censured - song lyrics

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At the old concert hall on the Bow'ry, 'Round the table were seated, one night, A crowd of young fellows carousing. With them life seemed cheerful and bright, At the very next table was seated A girl who had fallen to shame; All the young fellows jeered at her weakness, 'Till they heard an old woman exclaim:

Chorus.

She is more to be pitied than censured. She is more to be helped than despised; She is only a lassie who ventured on life's stormy path, Ill-advised; Do not scorn her with words tierce and bitter. Do not laugh at her shame and downfall. For a moment just stop and consider That a man was the cause of it all.

There's an old-fashioned church 'round the corner, Where the neighbors all gathered one day., While the parson was preaching a sermon O'er a soul that had Just passed away, Twas this same wayward girl from the Bow'ry, Who a life of adventure had led-Did the clergyman jeer at her downfall/ No. he asked for God's mercy, and said:- Cho.