Easy Pickin's
(Ches'ry with Men)

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VOICE

Piano

was a sec-ond-story work-er up in Worces-ter, Mass. Till the
beaned a gee-zer on the bee-zer out in Evans-ville. If it

cops got hep that the old lock-step would keep me off the grass. I
had n't been for my nail file, I'd be pick-ing pebbles still, In

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passed some phon-y money in the town of Ke-o-kuk,
When they
Green-ville, after passing out the green goods to the Jays,
I was

say my graft, how the jury "lafted," but I was out of luck.
In
making little ones out of big ones there for sixty days.
I

Little Rock I blew a safe for twenty thousand bones,
In-
bumped a cove in Cov-ing-ton, the Bulls they got me dead,
And

stead of little rocks they set me break-ing great big stones.
When I
in the Cal-a-boose they served me wa-ter with my bread.
But when

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sold the Hicks some gold bricks, in Nashville Tennessee, The
I went up the river, it really was a shame, I

County jail extended Southern hospitality. But
forged a lot of phony checks and signed the warden's name. So,

I learned something you can't get in books,
if a crook wants to break out o' jail—

Manhattan is the Paradise for crooks.
New York's the place to come and get the kale.
Refrain

Ea-s-y pick-ins, ea-s-y pick-ins, You can read the pa-per's ev'-ry
day. Ea-s-y pick-ins, ea-s-y pick-ins,
How we cop the Jack and get a-way. You can
talk a-bout the Hicks from Hicks-ville, Of the
talk a-bout the Yaps from Yap-hank, Of the

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Reu-bens and the small town gawk, The big-gest suck-ers you can meet, Are
guy can pick an eas-y mark, And

right on For-ty-sec-ond Street, In old New York. The
sell him half o' Cen-tral Park, In old New York. The

crooks and dips for miles a-round, Say that the Hap-py Hunt-ing Ground, Is
big-gest suck-ers of them all, Are those you meet in Cit-y Hall, In


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