

BILLY EMERSON'S LATEST SONG  
"COULD I ONLY BACK THE WINNER"



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## Song and Chorus

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*Animato.*

1. Be - hold in me a man who's lost a for-tune on the field, But
2. I've stud - ied sporting pa - pers till they near-ly drove me wild, I've
3. "Faint heart ne'er won fair la - dy," so I'll have an-oth-er try; And as

still my great pro - pen - si - ties to nev - er, nev - er yield! I've  
 watch'd each hors - es ped - i - gree, since I was but a child. I've  
 long as I have got my health, I nev - er will say die! I

"made a book," I've tak - en "tips," I've squared the jocks when cross'd; But  
 tried all sort of dodg - es, I've com - mit - ted many a sin; Mis -  
 know my luck will change someday, so I'll not throw up the sponge; And

when I balanc'd my account, I found that I had lost.  
 -for - tune's been my for - tune, for my for - tune I can't win.  
 long as I've a dol - lar, boys, you bet yer life I'll "plunge!"

Could I on - ly back the win - ner, ..... What a dif - f'rent  
 Could I on - ly back the win - ner, ..... What a dif - f'rent  
 Could I on - ly back the win - ner, ..... What a dif - f'rent

man I'd be! ..... I'd spare e - nough to share e -  
 man I'd be! ..... I'd spare e - nough to share e -  
 man I'd be! ..... I'd spare e - nough to share e -

- nough To show my char - i - ty! ..... I'd be like  
 - nough To show my char - i - ty! ..... No more I'd  
 - nough To show my char - i - ty! ..... I'd be an -

Plung - er Wal - ton, ..... and I'd give a champagne dinner ..... To  
 tac - kle pork and beans, by the gas - light's bright - est glimmer! ..... I'd  
 - oth - er Pittsburgh Phil! I'd give the books a skinner! ..... I'd

ev - 'ry friend that's here to - night, Could I on - ly back the  
 have a dar - ling dou - ble team, Could I on - ly back the  
 have a girl up - on each arm, Could I on - ly back the

win - ner! .....  
 win - ner! .....  
 win - ner! .....