

(SONG #31. "AFTER YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT, YOU DON'T WANT IT.")

words and music by Irving Berlin

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A SINGER/MARILYN.

AFTER YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT YOU DON'T WANT IT.
IF I GAVE YOU THE MOON,
YOU'D GROW TIRED OF IT SOON.
YOU'RE LIKE A BABY—
YOU WANT WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT,
BUT AFTER YOU ARE PRESENTED
WITH WHAT YOU WANT, YOU'RE DISCONTENTED.
YOU'RE ALWAYS WISHING AND WANTING FOR SOMETHING;
WHEN YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT,
YOU DON'T WANT WHAT YOU GET.
AND THOUGH I SIT UPON YOUR KNEE
YOU'LL GROW TIRED OF ME,
'CAUSE AFTER YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT,
YOU DON'T WANT WHAT YOU WANTED AT ALL.

YOU'RE ALWAYS WISHING AND WANTING FOR SOMETHING;
WHEN YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT,
YOU DON'T WANT WHAT YOU GET.
AND THOUGH I SIT UPON YOUR KNEE
YOU'LL GROW TIRED OF ME,
'CAUSE AFTER YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT,
YOU DON'T WANT WHAT YOU WANTED AT ALL.