

Policemen's Chorus – Soloist and Men of the choir

Sergeant: When a felon's not engaged in his employment
Police: His employment,
Sergeant: Or maturing his felonious little plans
Police: Little plans,
Sergeant: His capacity for innocent enjoyment
Police: 'Cent enjoyment
Sergeant: Is just as great as any honest man's
Police: Honest man's.
Sergeant: Our feelings we with difficulty smother
Police: 'Culty smother,
Sergeant: When constabulary duty's to be done
Police: To be done
Sergeant: Ah, take one consideration with another
Police: With another,
Sergeant: A policeman's lot is not a happy one
Police: Ah!
Sergeant & Police: When constabulary duty's to be done, to be done,
A policeman's lot is not a happy one, happy one

Sergeant: When the enterprising burglar's not a-burgling
Police: Not a-burgling:
Sergeant: When the cut-throat isn't occupied in crime
Police: 'Pied in crime,
Sergeant: He loves to hear the little brook a-gurgling
Police: Brook a-gurgling,
Sergeant: And listen to the merry village chime
Police: Village chime
Sergeant: When the coster's finished jumping on his mother
Police: On his mother,
Sergeant: He loves to lie a-basking in the sun
Police: In the sun
Sergeant: Ah, take one consideration with another
Police: With another,
Sergeant: A policeman's lot is not a happy one
Police: Ah!
Sergeant & Police: When constabulary duty's to be done, to be done,
A policeman's lot is not a happy one, happy one.