

# It's A Fine Life

## Oliver

[NANCY (spoken)]  
Plummy and slam![FAGIN (spoken)]  
Nancy! Wake up boys! The ladies is 'ere.[DODGER (spoken)]  
Ladies?! Cor! 'Ark at him![NANCY (spoken)]  
'Ere, we'll have less of that if you don't mind!  
'Ere, so where's the gin, then, Fagin?[FAGIN (spoken)]  
All in moderation, my dear, all in moderation.  
Too much gin can be a dangerous thing for a pure, young girl.[NANCY (spoken)]  
Ooh, and what's wrong with a bit of danger then, eh, Mr. Fagin?  
After all it's about the only excitement we get.  
And who would deny us that small pleasure?[sung] Small pleasures, small pleasures  
Who would deny us these?  
Gin toddies -- large measuress --  
No skimpin' if you please!  
I rough it, I love it  
Life is a game of chance.  
I never tire of it --  
Leading this merry dance.  
If you don't mind having to go without things  
It's a fine life.[ALL]  
It's a fine life.[NANCY]  
Tho' it ain't all jolly old pleasure outings...  
It's a fine life[ALL]  
It's a fine life.[NANCY]  
When you got someone to love  
You forget your cares and strife  
Let the prudes look down on us  
Let the wide world frown on us  
It's a fine,[ALL]  
Fine life![NANCY (spoken)]  
Ain't that right, Bet? Go on, you tell 'em girl.[BET]  
Who cares if straightlaced  
Sneer at us in the street?  
Fine airs and fine graces[NANCY]  
Don't have to sin to eat.[BOTH]  
We wander through London[NANCY]  
Who knows what we many find?[BOTH]  
There's pockets left undone  
On many a behind.[NANCY]

If you don't mind taking it as it turns out,  
    It's a fine life![ALL]  
    It's a fine life![NANCY]  
Keep the candle burning until it burns out  
    It's a fine life.[ALL]  
    It's a fine life.[NANCY]  
Though you sometimes do come by  
    The occasional black eye  
    You can always cover one  
    'Til he blacks the other one  
But you don't dare cry.[BET]  
    No flounces, no feathers  
    No frills and furbelows  
    All winds and all weathers  
Ain't good for fancy clo'es[NANCY (spoken)]  
That's true.[sung] These trappings,[BET]  
    These ta'ers[BOTH]  
    These we can just afford.[NANCY]  
    What future?[BET]  
    What ma'ers?[BOTH]  
    We've got our bed and board.[NANCY]  
If you don't mind having to deal with Fagin  
    It's a fine life![ALL]  
    It's a fine life![NANCY]  
Though diseased rats threaten to bring the plague in  
    It's a fine life![ALL]  
    It's a fine life![NANCY]  
    But the grass is green and dense  
On the right side of the 'fence'.[BOTH]  
    And we take good care of it  
    That we get our share of it  
And we don't mean pence.No! If you don't mind having to like or lump it...  
    It's a fine life[ALL]  
    It's a fine life![NANCY]  
Tho' there's no tea-supping and eating crumpet  
    It's a fine life![ALL]  
    It's a fine life![NANCY]  
Not for me, the happy home  
Happy husband, happy wife  
Tho' it sometimes touches me...  
...For the likes of such as me...  
    Mine's a fine...[ALL]  
    Fine... life!

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