

Revisions to lyrics of  
“She's Funny That Way” (1928)  
Music by Neil Moret, lyrics by Richard Whiting  
by Bill Jackman, December 2025

Original lyrics by Richard Whiting

Not much to look at, nothin' to see,  
Just glad I'm livin' and happy to be,  
I got a woman, crazy for me,  
She's funny that way.

Can't save a dollar, ain't worth a cent,  
She doesn't holler, she'd live in a tent,  
I got a woman, crazy for me,  
She's funny that way.

Tho' she loves to work and slave for me every day, (Though)  
She'd be so much better off if I went away;

But why should I leave her? Why should I go?  
She'd be unhappy without me, I know,  
I got a woman, crazy for me,  
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I could not sing the original lyrics because I found one line to be objectionable. So, I revised this line.

**Revision**

**“Tho’ she loves to work and slave for me every day,”**

This line embodies 1928 values when a woman lived for “her man” and **“loved to work and slave for [him] every day.”**

These values are not compatible with the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Women today work long and hard for their relationship, family, and career. But they do not **“love to work and slave for [him] every day.”**

My revision:

**“Tho’ she works so long and hard for us every day,”**

Lyrics to “She's Funny That Way”  
with revisions by Bill Jackman, December 2025

World premiere on February 15, 2026 at the Piedmont Center for the Arts (PCA). Bill has donated these newly revised lyrics to “She’s Funny That Way” to the PCA and all performing rights accruing to them. These lyrics are now singable by a singer in the second quarter of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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