# Lily St. Regis

She is Rooster's apparently airhead girlfriend. She is always distracted, although she manages to pick up on any conversation involving money. Like Rooster, the actress playing this role should bring a sense of fun to the character and have a good sense of comic timing.

Lily has just over 30 lines and sings in Easy Street and its reprise.

Vocal range: Soprano Acting age: 18-25

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Music audition: Easy Street: bars 1 to 32

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# **ROOSTER**

Ahh, some old geezer from Yonkers said I swindled him outta eleven hundred bucks.

# **MISS HANNIGAN**

Oh, yeah. Why'd he say that?

# LILY

(Entering from the door. Dumb and Matter-of-factly.)

Because the Rooster swindled him outta eleven hundred bucks.

# **ROOSTER**

Ah, Lil.

# **LILY**

It's true.

# **ROOSTER**

Sis, I'd like you to meet a friend of mine from...

# **LILY**

(Offended that Rooster has forgotten where he picked her up)

Jersey City!

# ROOSTER

Jersey City. Miss Lily St. Regis.

# **LILY**

(Proudly)

I'm named after the hotel.

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(DRAKE leads in ROOSTER and LILY, in their disguises as RALPH and SHIRLEY MUDGE)

#### ROOSTER

Excuse us, folks ...we don't mean to interrupt... Shirley, look. There's our Annie.

#### **ANNIE**

Who are you?

# **LILY**

Honey, we're your Mom and Dad.

(A buzz of disbelief from the crowd)

#### ROOSTER

Mudge. Mudge is the name. Ralph Mudge. And this here is the wife, Shirley.

## LILY

You never knew it, dear, but you're Annie Mudge.

#### WARBUCKS

Annie Mudge?

## **ROOSTER**

(Edging into the room)

We was sick and broke, honey, and didn't know which way to turn, and a man give us a chance to work on his farm up in Canada.

# LILY

But we couldn't bring along no baby.

## **ROOSTER**

We loved you, Annie, but we had to leave you behind.

## **GRACE**

(Not buying it totally)

Mr. Mudge, is it? We've seen a great number of people who've claimed to be...

### **ROOSTER**

Proof, I expect you'll be wantin' proof of who we are. Here's our driver's licenses and Annie's birth certificate.

(Hands the papers to GRACE)

## **GRACE**

(*Takes the birth certificate and reads*)

"Baby girl, Name, Ann Elizabeth Mudge, born to Ralph and Shirley Mudge. New York, New York, October 28th, 1922."

# **ANNIE**

October 28th, that's my birthday.

## **GRACE**

It was in her note, Sir.

#### **WARBUCKS**

(Stunned)

Yes, I know. But I still don't ...

## **ROOSTER**

Mister, please, you gotta believe us.

(HE quickly takes the documents back from GRACE)

We got in on the Greyhound this afternoon and went straight to the orphanage to fetch our Annie. And the lady there said our baby was up here.

# **LILY**

(Clutching HER, a little too tightly)

Oh, Annie, all the years I dreamed of holdin' you in my arms again.

## **GRACE**

(Playing detective)

Mr. Mudge, on the night that Annie was left at the orphanage...

#### ROOSTER

(Beating her to the punch)

Oh, here's something you wouldn't know about, but when we left Annie at the Orphanage, we left half of a silver locket with her and kept the other half so's one day...

#### LILY

Ralph, look! Annie's wearin' it.

#### ROOSTER

(Crosses to ANNIE to compare lockets halves, very quickly). Too quickly)

And here's the part we kept. Yes. It fits perfectly.

## LILY

Oh, thank God, Ralph, she's our Annie.

## **ROOSTER**

She is, she is.

(Big, stunned crowd reaction. HIS last line silences THEM)

# **WARBUCKS**

(For the first time, beaten)

She seems to be.

#### ROOSTER

Well, if you'll get Annie's things together, we'll be taking her along.

## WARBUCKS

(Puts ANNIE behind HIM)

Take her?!

## **GRACE**

No.

## WARBUCKS

Just a moment, Mr. Mudge, what about the money?

(HE takes out a check)

## **ROOSTER**

(Part of the scam)

Money? Well, we ain't got much, but we'd be glad to give you whatever ...

## WARBUCKS

You haven't heard that I've offered a certified check for fifty thousand dollars to anyone who can prove they are Annie's parents?

## **ROOSTER**

(Drooling, but trying not to show it)

No, Sir. We don't know nothin' about no check. Anyway, we don't want no money.

## LILY

(LILY didn't expect that line, but goes along, baffled)

Right. We don't want no money for Annie.

(WARBUCKS begins to put check away, but ROOSTER pipes up)

# ROOSTER

On the other hand, Shirl. Remember that little pig farm out in New Jersey. With fifty thousand dollars we could buy it...we could afford to bring Annie up right. In the country.

(Goes a little over the top)

With fresh air, fresh eggs ...

## LILY

(Stopping HIM)

Fresh ham.

## ROOSTER

Ha, ha, fresh ham.

(Crossing to WARBUCKS to take the check)

Certified, huh? All I gotta do is make it out to myself?

## WARBUCKS

(Pulling check away)

Yes, that's correct. Tomorrow morning.

# **LILY**

(Stunned, a little too loudly)

Tomorrow morning?

## WARBUCKS

(HE means business)

Yes, you wouldn't mind if Annie stayed here until tomorrow morning, Christmas. Then you can come back to pick up Annie and the check.

# **LILY**

Oh.

## **ROOSTER**

Oh.

# **WARBUCKS**

(Deadly)

Problem?

# **ROOSTER**

(Knowing when to leave)

No! Whatever you prefer, sir. So, I think we should be gettin' back to our hotel now. 'Bye, Annie. Until tomorrow morning, honey. And then you'll be spending the rest of your life with us.

# **LILY**

Goodbye, Annie, love.

# **ROOSTER**

Well, goodbye all.

(As ROOSTER and LILY step back toward the door, he bumps into GRACE)

Oops, pardon me, blondie. Merry Christmas.

# LILY

Season's greetings. One and all.

# #13 - EASY STREET

# Audition Bars 1-32



