

Doin' What Comes Naturally

Song from "**Annie Get Your Gun**", a musical with lyrics and music written by *Irving Berlin* and a book by *Herbert Fields* and his sister *Dorothy Fields*.

The story is a fictionalized version of the life of Annie Oakley (1860–1926), who was a sharpshooter from Ohio, and her husband, Frank Butler.

Illustration

ANNIE OAKLEY and FEMALE CHORUS:

Folks are dumb where I come from,
They ain't had any learning.
Still they're happy as can be
Doin' what comes naturally.

Folks like us could never fuss
With schools and books and learning.
Still we've gone from A to Z,
Doin' what comes naturally.

You don't have to know how to read or write
When you're out with a feller in the pale moonlight.
You don't have to look in a book to find out
What he thinks of the moon and what is on his mind. That
comes naturally.

My uncle out in Texas can't even write his name.
He signs his checks with "x's"
But they cash them just the same.
If you saw my pa and ma,
You'd know they had no learning,
Still they've raised a family
Doin' what comes naturally.

Cousin Jack has never read an almanac on drinking
Still he's always on the spree
Doin' what comes naturally.

Sister Sal who's musical has never had a lesson,
Still she's learned to sing off-key
Doin' what comes naturally.

You don't have to go a private school
Not to pick up a penny near a stubborn mule,
You don't have to have a professor's dome
Not to go for the honey when the bee's not home.
That comes naturally.

My tiny baby brother, who's never read a book,
Knows one sex from the other,
All he had to do was look,
Grandpa Bill is on the hill
With someone he just married.
There he is at ninety-three,
Doin' what comes naturally.

*Right. Readin' this Hyperscript might
help.*

*Please! At least have somebody read
the instructions for using the pill to
you.*

*Wasn't G. W. from Texas?
That's why you have the debt crisis.*

*Yes. Unfortunately many radio stations
force me to listen to her sisters and
brethren*

*I'll have full hair and don't like (bees)
honey*