

## **My Fair Lady (1964)**

Starring: Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison

Henry Higgins is distressed that Eliza Doolittle has "bolted" after throwing his slippers at him, even though he "never gave her the slightest provocation."

Baffled by her disappearance, he asks: "What could've depressed her? What could've possessed her? I cannot understand the wretch at all ...

Women are irrational, that's all there is to that! Their heads are full of cotton, hay, and rags!

They're nothing but exasperating, irritating, vacillating, calculating, agitating, maddening and infuriating hags." Higgins sings-talks: "Why Can't A Woman" - wondering why women can't have the same "honest, so thoroughly square, eternally noble, historically fair...so pleasant, so easy to please...so friendly, good-natured and kind...so decent" qualities that a man has:

Why can't a woman be more like a man?

Men are so decent, such regular chaps.

Ready to help you through any mishaps.

Ready to buck you up whenever you are glum.

Why can't a woman be a chum?

Why is thinking something women never do?

I mean, why is logic never even tried?

Straightening up their hair is all they ever do.

Why don't they straighten up the mess that's inside?

Why can't a woman behave like a man?

If I was a woman who'd been to a ball,

been hailed as a princess by one and by all.

Would I start weeping like a bathtub overflowing?

And carry on as if my home were in a tree?

Would I run off and never tell me where I'm going?

**Why can't a woman be like me?**