

## If I Only Had a Brain/Heart/Nerve (Arlen & Harburg)

**D** **Em7** **F#m7** **Em7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
I could while away the hours, conferrin' with the flowers Consultin' with the rain.

**G** **Em7** **A7** **D** **G** **D** **Em7** **A7**  
And my head I'd be scratchin' while my thoughts were busy hatchin' If I only had a brain.

**D** **Em7** **F#m7** **Em7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
I'd unravel every riddle for any individ'le, In trouble or in pain.

**G** **Em7** **A7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
With the thoughts I'd be thinkin' I could be another Lincoln If I only had a brain.

**G** **F#m7** **B7** **Em7** **A7** **D** **D6**  
Oh, I could tell you why The ocean's near the shore.

**C#m7** **F#7** **Bm** **E7** **Em7** **A7**  
I could think of things I never thunk before. And then I'd sit, and think some more.

**D** **Em7** **F#m7** **Em7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
I would not be just a nuffin' my head all full of stuffin' My heart all full of pain.

**G** **Em7** **A7** **D** **G** **D** **Em7** **A7**  
I would dance and be merry, life would be a ding-a-derry, If I only had a brain.

**D** **Em7** **F#m7** **Em7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
When a man's an empty kettle he should be on his mettle, And yet I'm torn apart.

**G** **Em7** **A7** **D** **G** **D** **Em7** **A7**  
Just because I'm presumin' that I could be kinda human, If I only had a heart.

**D** **Em7** **F#m7** **Em7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
I'd be tender - I'd be gentle and awfully sentimental Regarding Love and Art.

**G** **Em7** **A7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
I'd be friends with the sparrows ...and the boy who shoots the arrows If I only had a heart.

**G** **F#m7** **B7** **Em7** **A7** **D** **D6**  
Picture me - a balcony. Above a voice sings low.

**C#m7** **F#7** **Bm** **E7** **Em7** **A7**  
Wherefore art thou, Romeo? I hear a beat....How sweet.

**D** **Em7** **F#m7** **Em7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
Just to register emotion, jealousy - devotion, And really feel the part.

**G** **Em7** **A7** **D** **G** **D** **Em7** **A7**  
I could stay young and chipper and I'd lock it with a zipper, If I only had a heart.

**D** **Em7** **F#m7** **Em7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
Life is sad, believe me, Missy, When you're born to be a sissy Without the vim and verve.

**G** **Em7** **A7** **D** **G** **D** **Em7** **A7**  
But I could change my habits, never more be scared of rabbits If I only had the nerve.

**D** **Em7** **F#m7** **Em7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
I'm afraid there's no denyin' I'm just a dandy lion, A fate I don't deserve.

**G** **Em7** **A7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
But I could show you my prowess, be a lion not a mowess If I only had the nerve

**G** **F#m7** **B7** **Em7** **A7** **D** **D6**  
Oh I'd be in my stride, a king down to the core

**C#m7** **F#7** **Bm** **E7** **Em7** **A7**  
I would roar the way I've never roared before And then I'd rrrwoof! and roar some more

**D** **Em7** **F#m7** **Em7** **D** **G** **D** **Am7** **D7**  
I would show the dinosaur who's king around the forres' A king they better serve

**G** **Em7** **A7** **D** **G** **D** **Em7** **A7** **D** **D6**  
Why with my regal beezer I could be another Caesar If I only had the nerve