Meet Benny Bailey

The Manhattan Transfer

Let me introduce you
I've heard that boredom's entered your life
And you're feelin' real low
Have you met Benny Bailey?
Well he's a fella that you should know

They tell me lassitude's has laid you low An' you're losin' your grip you must meet Benny Bailey At least he's somebody who is hip

To cure an ennui, you need a bon nuit It's part o' the joie de vie And his attention, I'm loathe to mention Is, incident'ly, available

And so if providence should decree Who'll stand in the way
So you'll meet Benny Bailey
And you'll remember your lucky day

Background Vocals: Once you've met You won't forget No stuff Benny's tough (Repeat 1,2,3)

This could be your lucky day Incident'ly, he's the sort Tho' seen at court Carries an awful lotta weight In many less royal quarters Filled with less than regal daughters Quite the quixotic Romeo whom every Filly'll know because they find his Reputation wherever they go Whether it's here Or whether it's in another boudoir He's such a scandal, really T' handle him demands a savoir fairer And a great indulgence rarer Than any that I've encountered surveyin' the scene But never mind, I'll explain it later The fact is that he's always ready to please And that's aroused a lot o'chatter But it really doesn't matter, not to him No siree! It's 'bout as big t'him as any flea He's gotta be maitre'd Or so it seems to me Wait'll y'meet, you'll see what I'm sayin'

Background Vocals: Meet this cat He's where it's at That's right, outta sight Benny Bailey He's no slouch For this I'll vouch He's cool, he's no fool

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He's the kind o'cat people hear about But in a second-handed way That there's nothing really clear about

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We're glad you got to meet Benny Bailey I'm happy fin'lly meeting with you