

# POEM OF THE WEEK

## THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS

The song debuted in 1946, in the stage musical Annie Get Your Gun; the music & lyrics were composed by Irving Berlin. Over the decades, it has become the ultimate theatre song an anthem that captures the spirit of performers, their resiliency

You probably, at least possibly know the tune and at least a few words  
So hum or sing along as we explore the wonderful world of entertainment

## ENTERTAIN. ENTERTAINER. ENTERTAINING. ENTERTAINMENT

An entertainer (noun) entertains (verb)  
They might be described as entertaining (adjective)  
And the experience is likely to be called entertainment (noun)  
Marcel Marceaux achieved all four- by saying nothing

Perspectives of the subject vary with point of view  
And circumstance. You're bored, at home, alone.  
What can/do you do? There are the ever-present icons of technology  
Television, radio, streaming services, music-producing devices

Waiting to be turned on, et voila! You have a source of distraction  
Did you need it? Ca n'a pas d'importance; it is not important  
It provides a sense of company of the unobtrusive variety  
It provides an emotional experience other than your domestic humdrum

The sounds of vacuum cleaners, washing machines, clothes dryers  
Vexing, aren't they? Do you want to be a princess or a queen, you can be  
For a short time. In your imagination, time is elastic, it stretches and moulds  
To your thoughts, makes room for feelings and emotions. A luxury in modern life

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