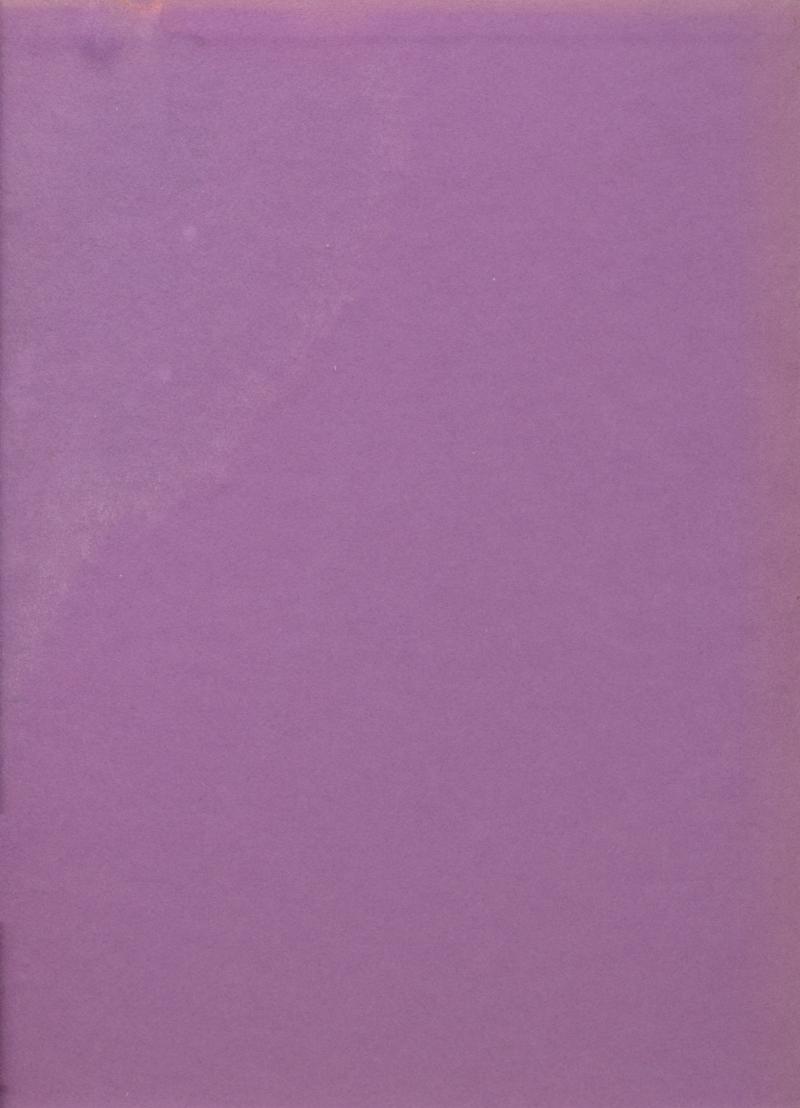
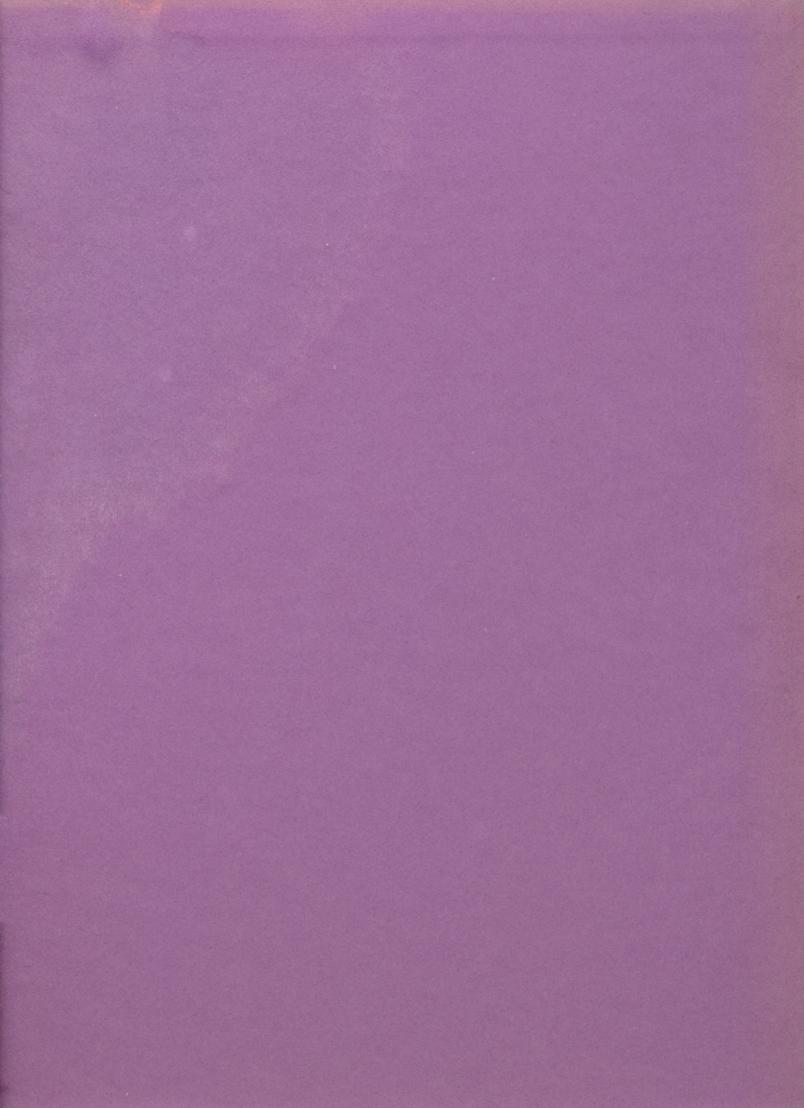
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All-Time Favourites Songbook

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How your Songbook is Programmed for Pleasure

Everybody enjoys hearing music over the radio or on records or tapes; we even make folk heroes out of unusually gifted interpreters of songs, whether singers or instrumentalists. Yet there is nothing about music so satisfying as the involvement of playing and singing great songs together. Great in the sense of soaring melodies, rhythmic dances, dreamy romantic ballads – all the glittering facets of the musical diamond.

This involvement in music is what the Reader's Digest All-Time Favourites Songbook is all about. Here, we give you a unique collection of 97 favourites for endless evenings of fun, relaxation and excitement. And this is what we mean when we say unique: in no other songbook will you find a selection of songs so enticingly programmed, with such easy and adaptable arrangements, with surprising musical twists. You will find they are simple to play and will delight your friends. We are really proud not only of the songs we have selected but of the way we are presenting them to you. And we are sure you will be pleased, too, when you run through the first few of these up-to-the-minute arrangements.

Actually, simply by opening it, you will see one reason why the All-Time Favourites Songbook is something special. Rather than being stitched and bound together, the pages are hinged on a spiral binding that allows them to lie flat on a music rack. The result: no need to flatten down pages yourself and no danger of damaging the book's spine. Also, of the 97 selections included, no fewer than 57 have been so organised that they fit completely on either one or two pages, thereby eliminating page turning in the middle of a song. This has been accomplished not by reducing the size of the typeface but by omitting the rarely played introductory verses or forestrains as well as any superfluous harmonic embellishments that might prove difficult for the average performer. On the other hand, the more experienced performer will probably want to add his own imaginative elaborations.

Selecting just the right songs for a well-balanced compendium resulted in a list of 97 songs that constitute virtually an all-time musical hit parade. These are the songs that are almost as meaningful to us as pictures in a family album or pages in a diary. We have danced to them, sung them in schools, on birthdays, at sing-alongs, at family reunions, and at all kinds of social events. There is hardly one here that will fail to stir your memory of some treasured past event.

We hope we have also increased your enjoyment of this songbook with the introductory paragraphs you will find with the songs in the book. These are crammed with stories about how a song was born, how it was introduced to the public, what musical and lyrical qualities have given the song its distinction. Some players may want to read them aloud before the group singing gets underway.

To make sure that these songs appear in the most useful and enjoyable way possible, the editors have been guided by the concept of pleasure programming. One of the features on this unique and exclusive Reader's Digest approach to music is to group together songs with common chronological and musical traits. In this book, they fall into six major categories:

- 1. **Down Memory Lane**... Wonderfully nostalgic numbers which include favourites from before the First World War, the hectic days of the Jazz Age, and the 'protest' years after the Second World War.
- 2. Melodies from the Tuneful Twenties ... Memorable music and lyrics from the pens of the giants of musical shows: George and Ira Gershwin, Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, Cole Porter, Noël Coward, Vincent Youmans, Ray Henderson, and Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein.

- 3. All-time Hits of the Thirties ... Haunting themes from dramatic hits, and hit tunes from the screen's happiest musicals ... Fond recollections of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers dancing, Eddie Cantor singing, and the lovely, lilting voice of British musical comedy star Jessie Matthews.
- 4. Favourites from the Forties ... From Second World War hits such as the Beer Barrel Polka (better known as Roll Out The Barrel) to cheerful, optimistic numbers which many of us sang while growing up after the war.
- 5. Yesterday's Hits: the Fifties, Sixties and Seventies... How often a song triggers our memory of a certain time, a certain place, a certain person. These lovely melodies are so familiar it seems they were topping the charts just the other day. Can it really be so long ago since their words and tunes first entered our lives, and came to sum up for many of us certain magical moments moments which we will treasure forever.
- 6. Magic of the Movies ... Songs sung in the floridly romantic musicals of yesterday have never lost their appeal. And they bring back some bewitching scenes in screen history when stars such as Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly, Bing Crosby, Doris Day and Louis Armstrong sang what became well-loved classics from the cinema.

Pleasure programming, however, does not stop with placing songs in these categories. We provide you here with many more cross-references to help you round out particular moods and occasions. Here you will find nostalgic songs and glad songs; songs for the particular girl and songs for the particular boy; songs to start musical parties off with a swing and songs to bring them to a close; and songs for all kinds of group singing from

barbershop-style ensembles to 'choirs'.

All the arrangements have been especially created to provide easy-to-play fingering so that the average home musician can perform to his best advantage. Many of the pieces, chiefly the older songs, have been updated for the first time through the use of smooth, modern harmonies and intriguing rhythmic effects.

Note, too, that each song has been arranged for three instruments: piano, guitar and organ. However, these arrangements can easily be adapted to any treble-clef C instrument, such as accordion, ukulele, recorder, marimba and xylophone. Most of them can also be used for the chord organ.

Any guitarist – or would-be guitarist – need only read the special guitar diagrams above the staves to be able to accompany the songs. As for the organist, he should have no trouble finding the proper organ pedal merely by reading the small notes on the bass clef.

The songs may also be performed on a keyboard instrument by playing the melody with the right hand and following the chord symbols to improvise a left-hand accompaniment. Piano students will probably recognise this as the 'popular piano' method widely used by music teachers today.

It is also important to note that, in order to distinguish the melody from other symbols for the right hand, the stem of each melody note goes upward unless it stands alone.

A songbook, of course, can simplify the arrangements, but it cannot play them. It can be a teaching aid, but it cannot teach. Nonetheless, everything possible has been done to assure the amateur musician's fullest enjoyment and proficiency. The rest is up to you . . . Experienced pianists who have played these arrangements tell us: "The notes seem to fall right under your fingers – no need for reaching or stretching."

We hope you will feel the same way.

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IF YOU WERE THE ONLY GIRL IN THE WORLD



Comic George Robey first posed this piece of melodic make-believe at the Alhambra Theatre, in the 1916 London musical *The Bing Boys Are Here*. The song ticked-over for some 13 years until American crooner Rudy Vallee got a bright idea: he changed its beat from a foxtrot to a waltz and successfully reintroduced it in his film debut, *The Vagabond Lover*, made in 1929.







The name 'Kenbrovin' was the pseudonym of three songwriters – James Kendis, James Brockman and Nat Vincent. Contracting their first names would have been difficult, but their last names lent themselves to the abbreviations of 'Ken', 'bro' and 'vin'. When the song became popular in the 1920s, West Ham United Football Club adopted it for their own – because one of their leading players was nicknamed 'Bubbles', on account of his curly hair. The West Ham players made a record of the song for the 1975 Cup Final, when they beat Fulham 2-0.

Words and Music by Jaan Kenbrovin and John William Kellette





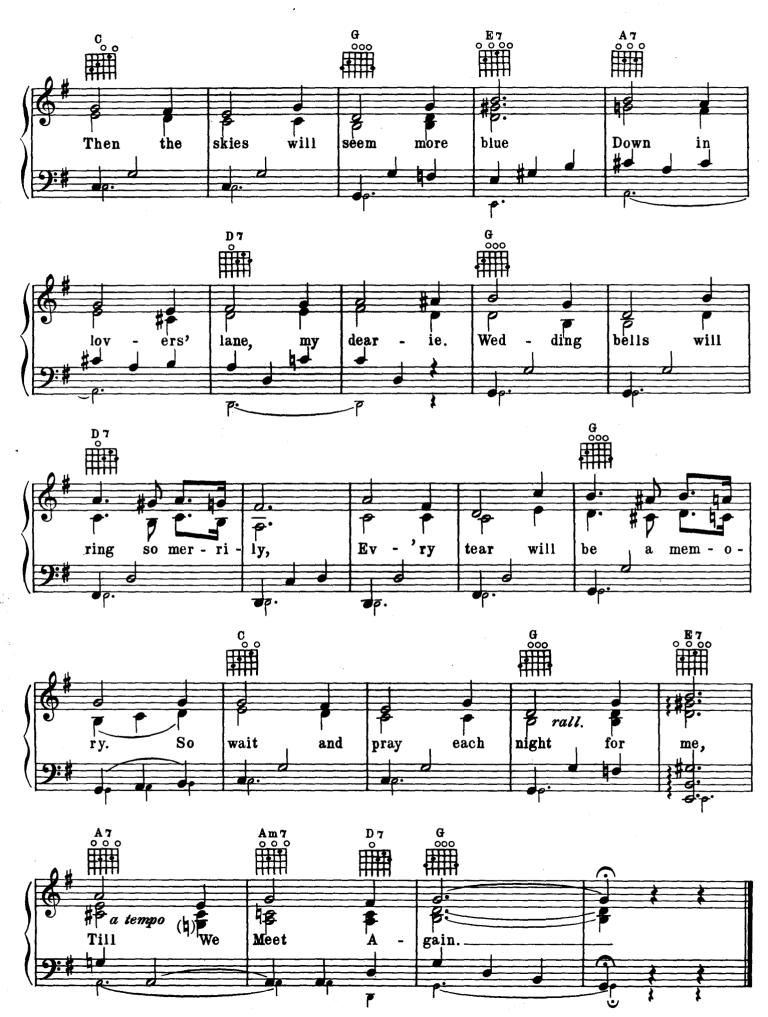
Till We Meet Again

American composer Richard Whiting and lyricist Raymond Egan thought so little of this song's commercial chances that they threw the manuscript into a wastepaper basket. Mrs Whiting, however, had other ideas. She fished it out and, unknown to her husband, took it to publisher Jerome Remick. Her faith in the song was soon confirmed. Even before the sheet music was off the presses Remick got the first inkling of the song's future success when it won a 1918 war-song contest sponsored by a Detroit cinema. In 1951 it was sung by Doris Day in the film musical On Moonlight Bay.

Words by Raymond B. Egan

Music by Richard A. Whiting







Today a song can become a round-the-world hit within a few weeks, but in 1934 tastes differed radically from country to country. In England, for example, the big hit was a dramatic ballad, If; in the United States the public ear was tuned to light love songs and swing-band rhythms. But by 1951 America's mood had changed and 'big' ballads became the rage. Perry Como remembered If, and recorded it and – after 17 years – the song became an 'overnight' best-seller in the United States as well.

Words by Robert Hargreaves and Stanley J. Damerell Music by Tolchard Evans





Who's Sorry Now?

Words by: Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby Music by: Ted Snyder Written originally for a vaudeville team, Crafts and Haley, this number went on to become one of the top American hits of 1923. It was featured in a Marx Brothers film A Night in Casablanca in 1946; and in the 1950 film Three Little Words – the story of songwriters Kalmar and Ruby – it was sung by Gloria de Haven. About 35 years after it was first recorded, a young rock singer, Connie Francis, was looking for a song to launch her career. Her father remembered this old hit and suggested she record it. By early 1955 she had taken it to No. 1 in the charts.





One section of this song's lyrics has required updating – the lines referring to a current long-running show on Broadway. In the original 1925 version the show was Abie's Irish Rose. Afterwards, new lyrics referred to Rodgers'

Words by: Lorenz Hart



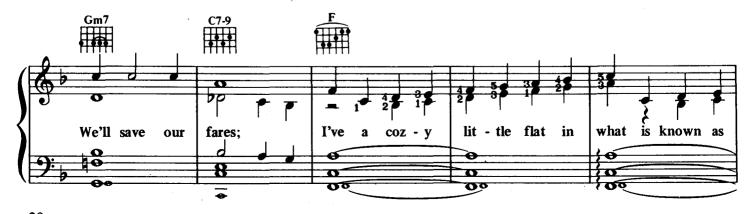
and Hammerstein's South Pacific. Then came a version that celebrated My Fair Lady. For a later edition the publisher picked the controversial British revue Oh! Calcutta! Manhattan was Rodgers' and Hart's first big hit.

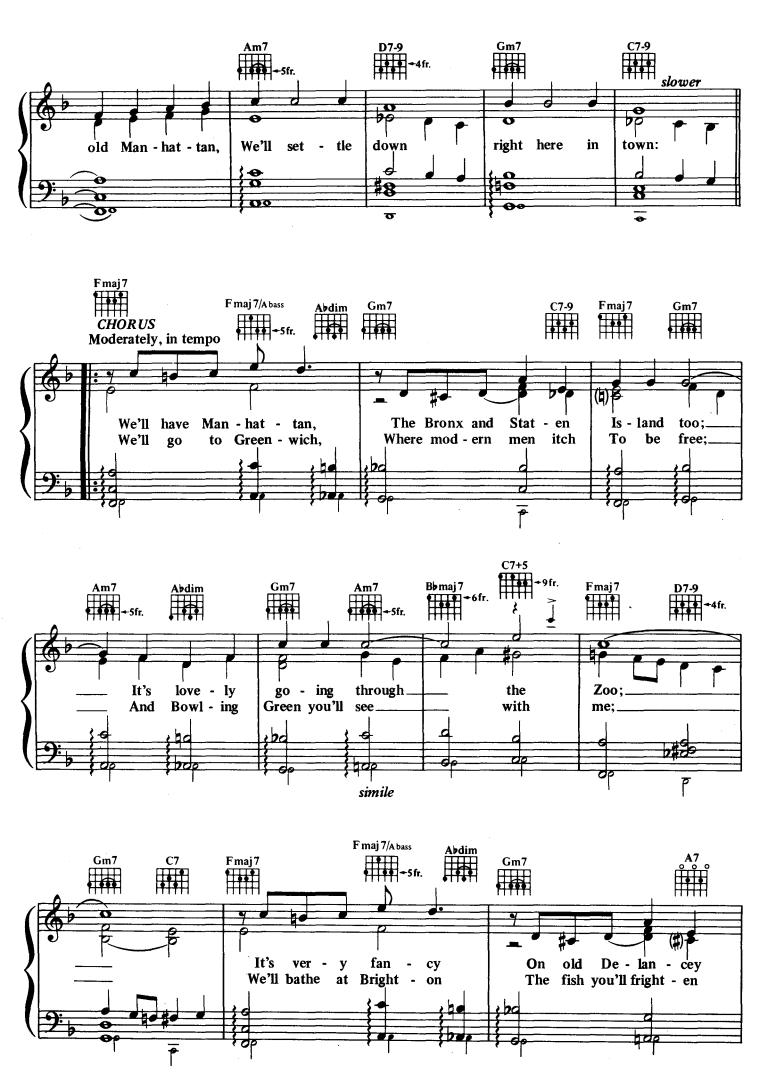
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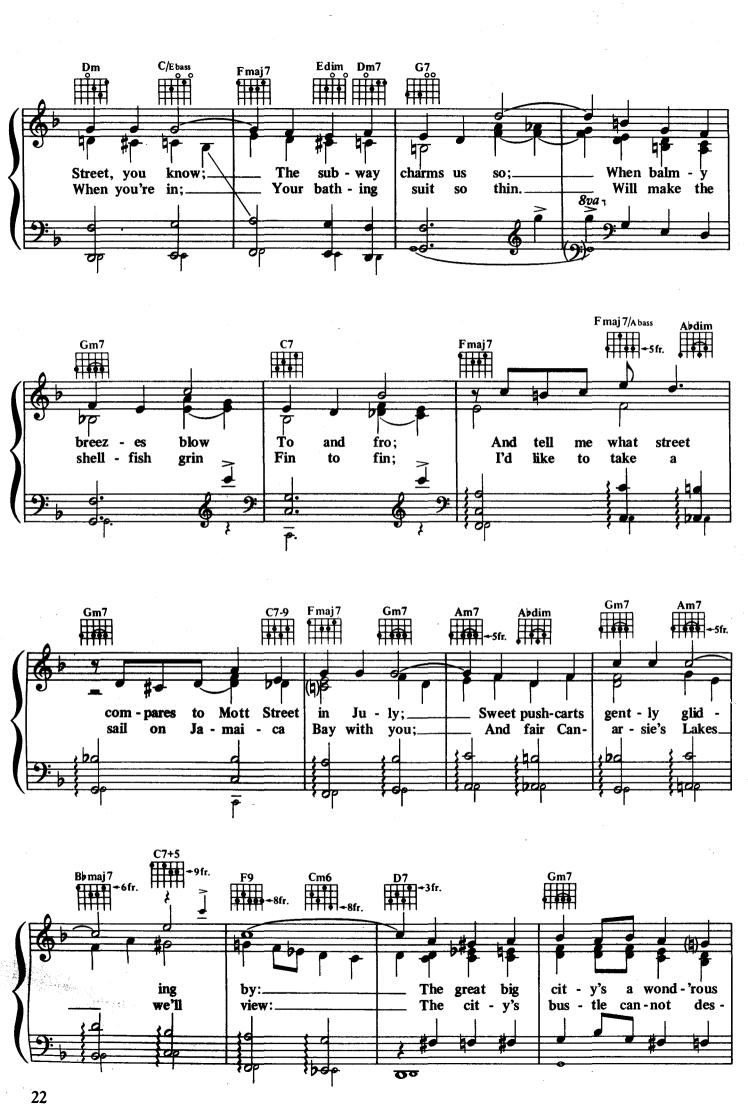


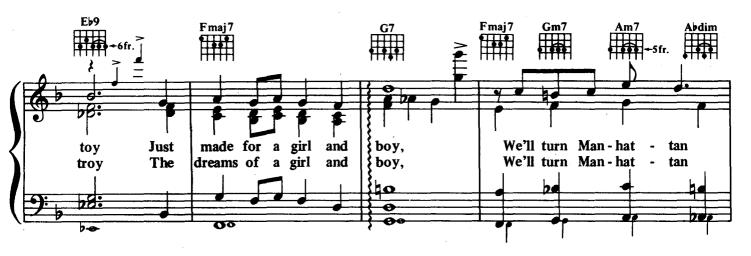


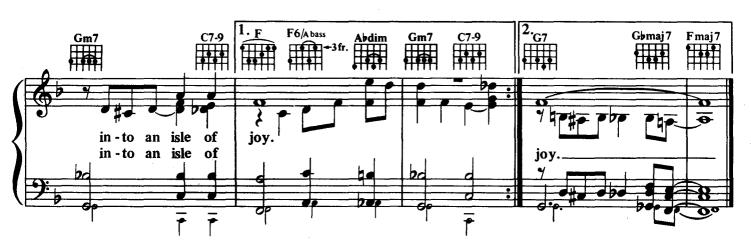












We'll go to Yonkers
Where true love conquers
In the wilds;
And starve together, dear, in Childs'
We'll go to Coney
And eat bologny on a roll;
In Central Park, we'll stroll
Where our first kiss we stole,
Soul to soul;

* Though "Oh! Calcutta!" has raised a flutter on Broadway We both may see it clothed some day;
The city's clamor can never spoil
The dreams of a boy and goil
We'll turn Manhattan Into an isle of joy.

Original Lyric: Our future babies we'll take to "Abie's Irish Rose."

I hope they'll live to see it close.

First Revision: And "South Pacific" is a terrific show they say:

We both may see it close some day.

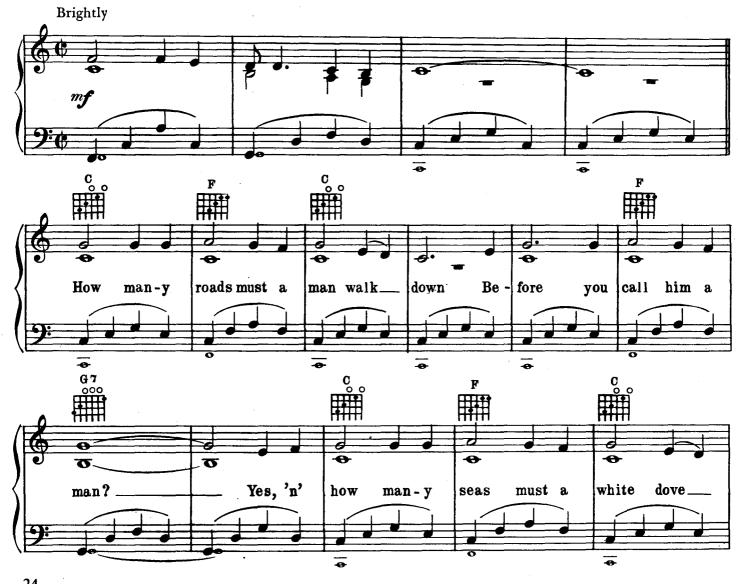
Second Revision: And for some high fare we'll go to "My Fair Lady" say,

We'll hope to see it close some day.



Blowin' in the Wind

Words and Music by Bob Dylan Among modern folk song balladeers, no one has made a stronger impact than Bob Dylan, whose *Blowin' in the Wind*, composed in 1962, practically became the anthem of the civil rights movement in the United States. The sensitive words, however, are equally applicable to any situation involving man's indifference to the basic rights of others. In 1964, Peter, Paul and Mary's recording of the song received awards both as the best performance by a vocal group and as the best folk song recording.





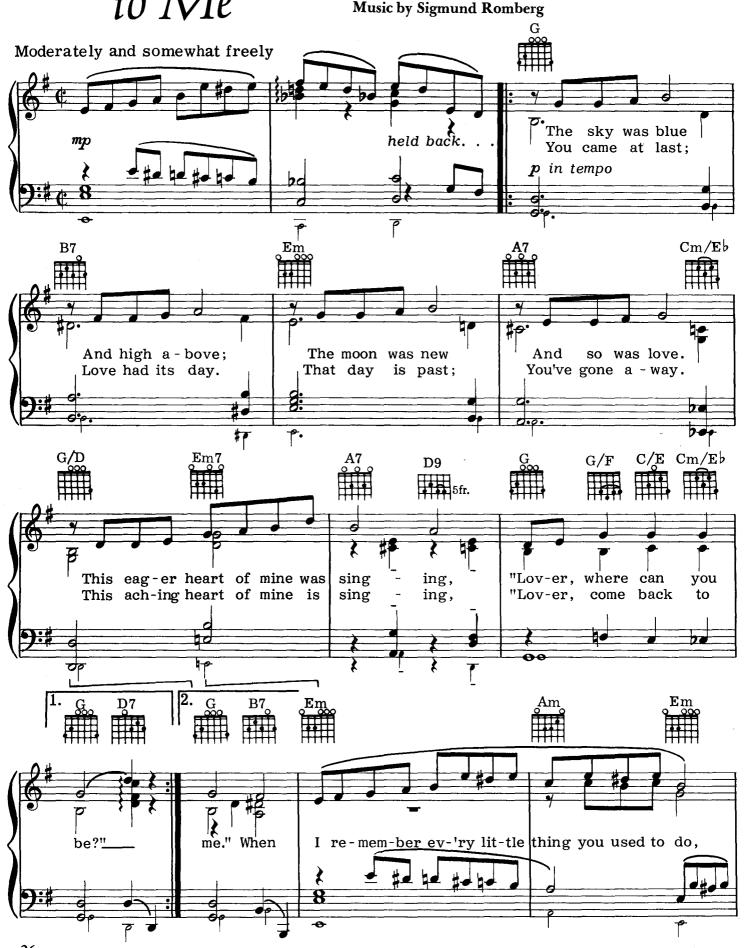
How many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
Yes 'n' how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes 'n' how many deaths will it take till he knows
That too many people have died?
The answer my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

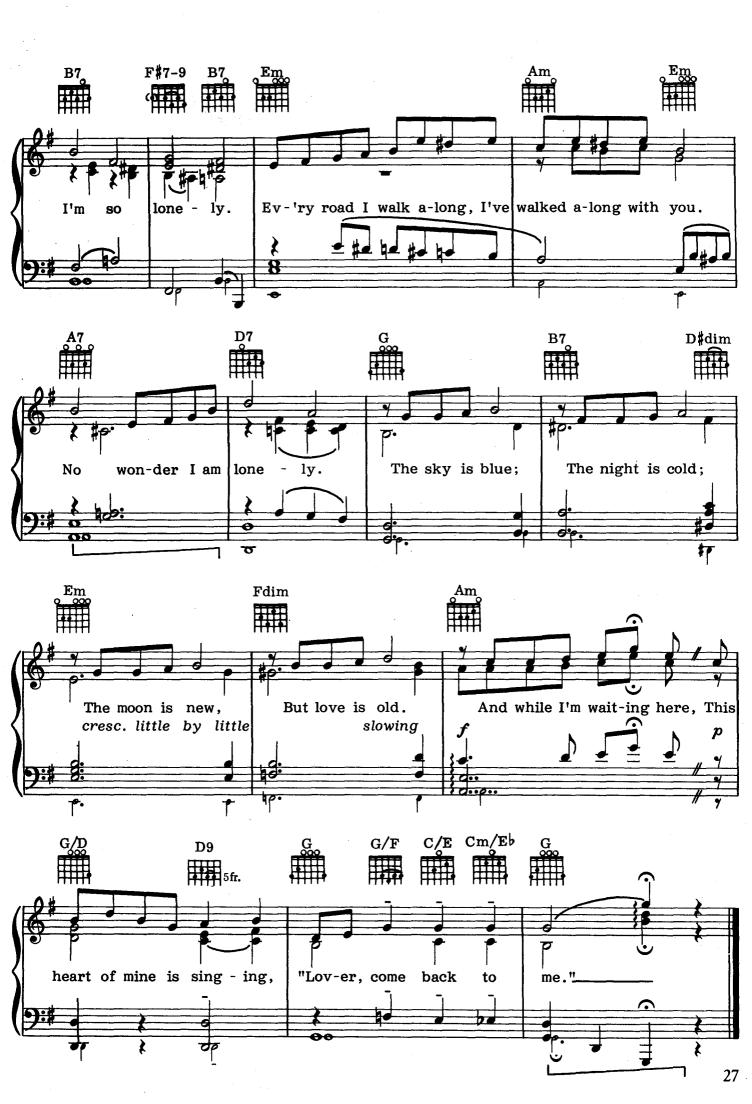
How many years can a mountain exist Before it's washed to the sea? Yes 'n' how many years can some people exist Before they're allowed to be free? Yes 'n' how many times can a man turn his head Pretending he just doesn't see? The answer my friend, is blowin' in the wind, The answer is blowin' in the wind.

Lover, Come Back to Me

The New Moon, a Hammerstein-Romberg operetta of 1928, was one of the few musicals ever to close down completely and then, rewritten and restaged, become a standing-room-only attraction on Broadway. Unquestionably, much of the credit must go to the songs that were added, including the yearning Lover, Come Back to Me, sung by the show's prima donna, Evelyn Herbert.

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II









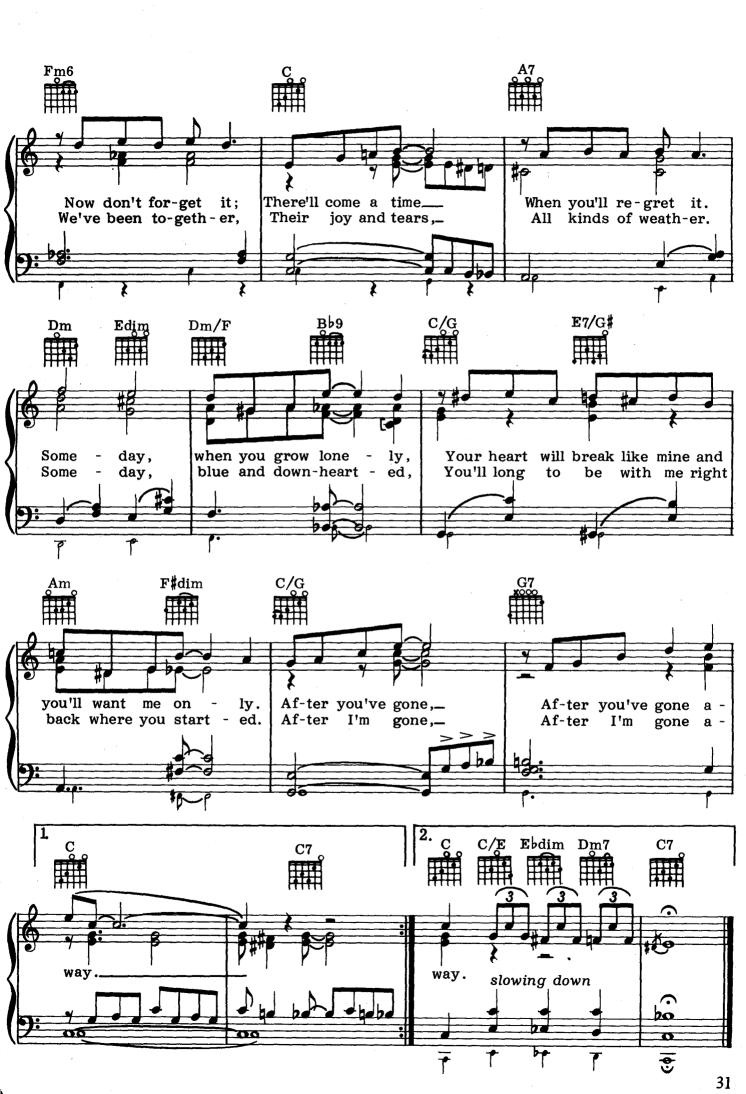


Words and Music by Henry Creamer and Turner Layton

This song, written by the American black vaudeville team of Henry Creamer and Turner Layton, became a standard almost before the ink was dry. Al Jolson introduced it at New York's Winter Garden in 1918, and both Sophie Tucker and Louis Armstrong included it in their repertoires during the 1920s. It

became a Benny Goodman jazz classic in 1935, a Bing Crosby winner when he recorded it with the Paul Whiteman band, a Judy Garland favourite in the 1942 film For Me and My Gal, and it gave Shirley MacLaine a chance to show her musical talents in the 1958 film Some Came Running.





SHINE ON, HARVEST MOO

Words and Music by Nora Bayes and Jack Norworth

Shine On, Harvest Moon was written by the well-known American vaudeville team of Nora Bayes and her husband, Jack Norworth, in 1908. Later that year, the highly temperamental Miss Bayes interpolated the song in the Ziegfeld Follies, and it remained closely linked to her for the rest of her career. Ironically, although they insisted upon being billed as 'The Stage's Happiest Couple', the Norworths - who were always quarrelling - were divorced in 1913. As well as becoming a popular romantic ballad, the song became one of the staple numbers of the barbershop quartets which were so popular in America at the turn of the century.









April Showers

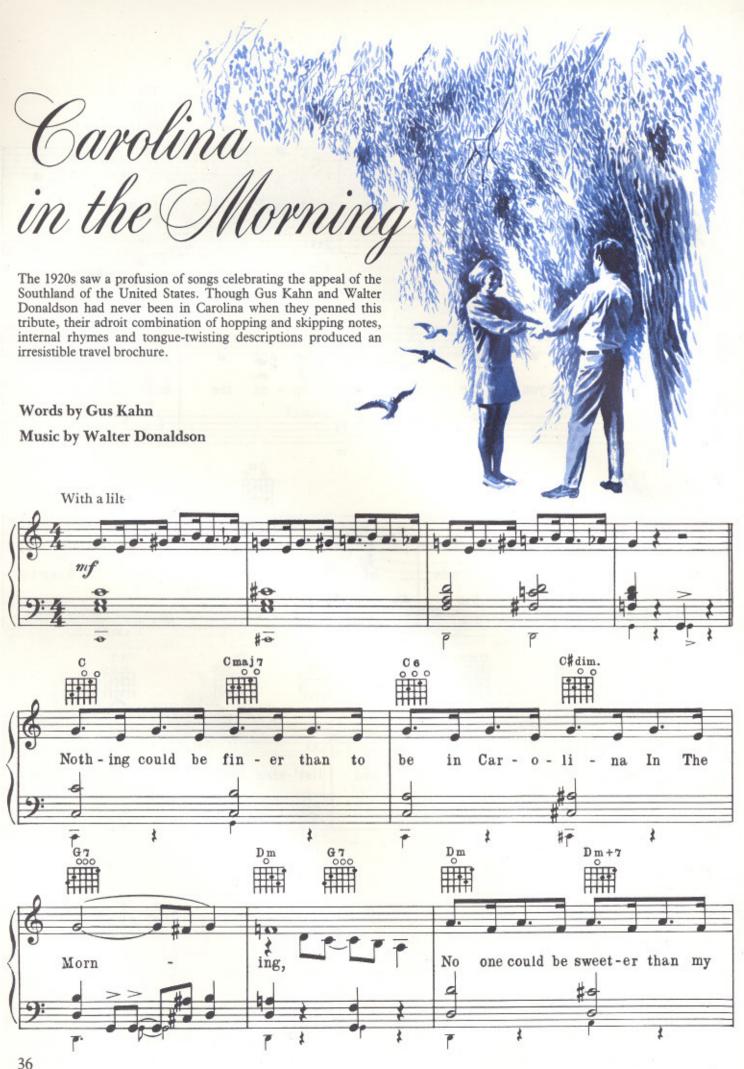
When Al Jolson was in a Broadway show, audiences did not care a bit about the story. The all-important attraction was their beloved 'Jolie' singing and clowning to his – and their – heart's content. So it was with Bombo, a 1921 hit that opened at a new theatre named in Jolson's honour. The nightly showstopper, which Jolson sang from a platform jutting out into the audience, was April Showers. It was also the last song he sang in public – to the US troops in Korea, shortly before his death in October 1950.

Words by B. G. DeSylva

Music by Louis Silvers







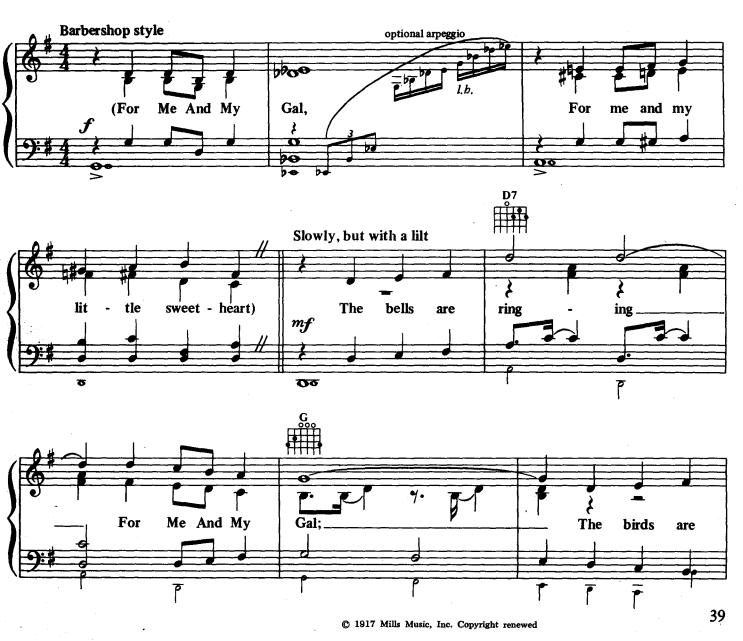


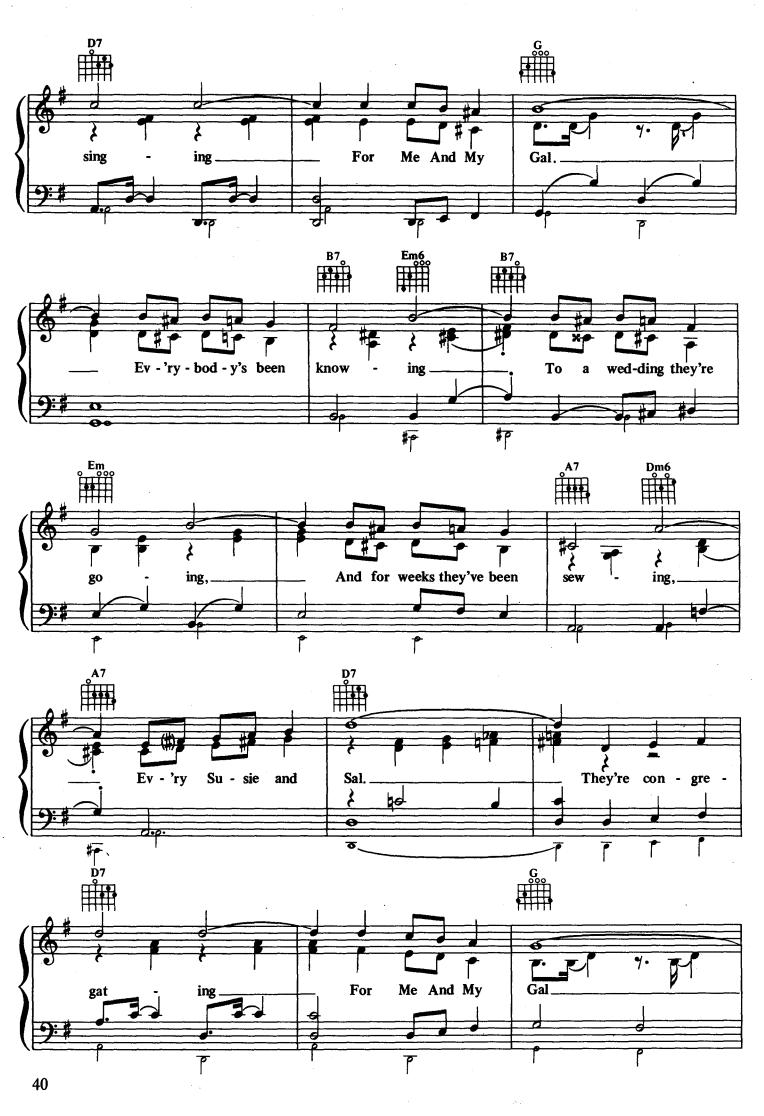


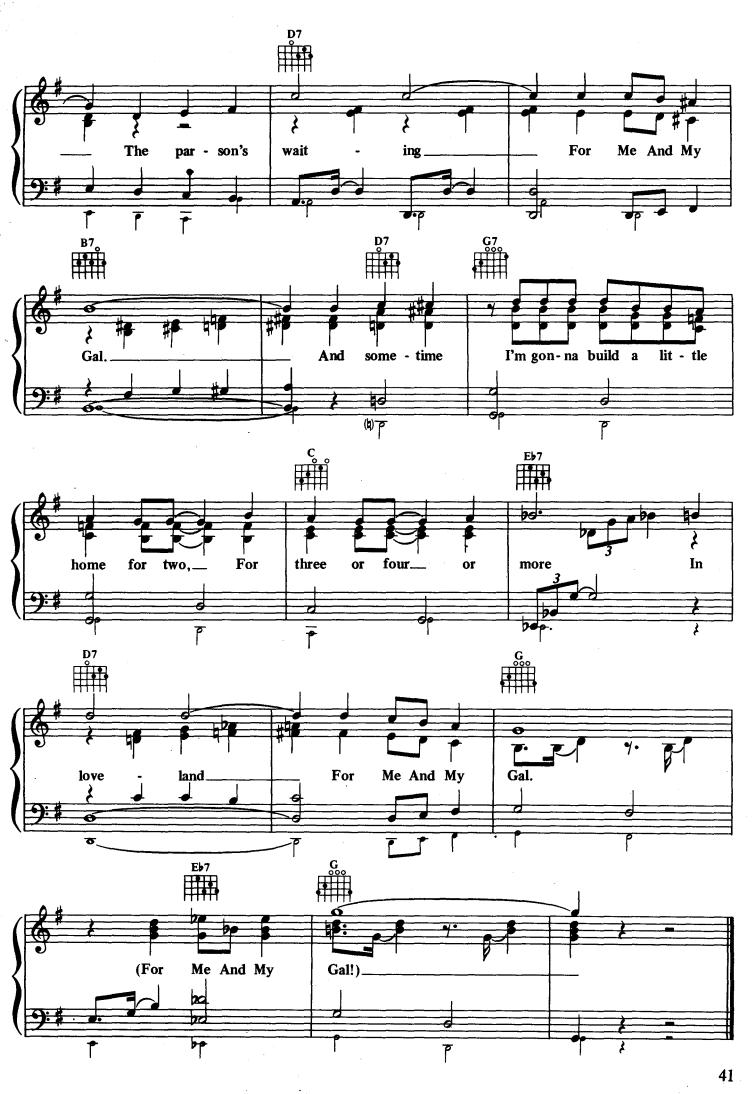
For Me and My Gal

In 1917, according to hard-up composer Meyer, 'I was writing songs for a living and I needed money, so I wrote this ballad'. Lyricist Edgar Leslie borrowed the title from the last line of the earlier hit, Shine On, Harvest Moon. When first introduced in vaudeville it 'laid an egg', until a hard-working song plugger placed it with such stars as Al Jolson, Sophie Tucker, Eddie Cantor and George Jessel. In 1942 it served as the title song of a film starring Gene Kelly (his first) and Judy Garland, and it became a hit all over again. It is one of the most popular melodies ever written about the joy and excitement of getting married and of anticipating the family to come.

Words by: Edgar Leslie and E. Ray Goetz Music by: George W. Meyer







When Day Is Done

English version by B. G. DeSylva

Music and original text by Dr. Robert Katcher

Although composer Katcher had written operettas in his native Vienna, and later spent more than ten years in Hollywood, his only lasting work is When Day Is Done. Called Madonna when first published in Vienna in 1924, it received its English title and lyrics years later — and became the signature tune of the pre-war English danceband leader, Ambrose.



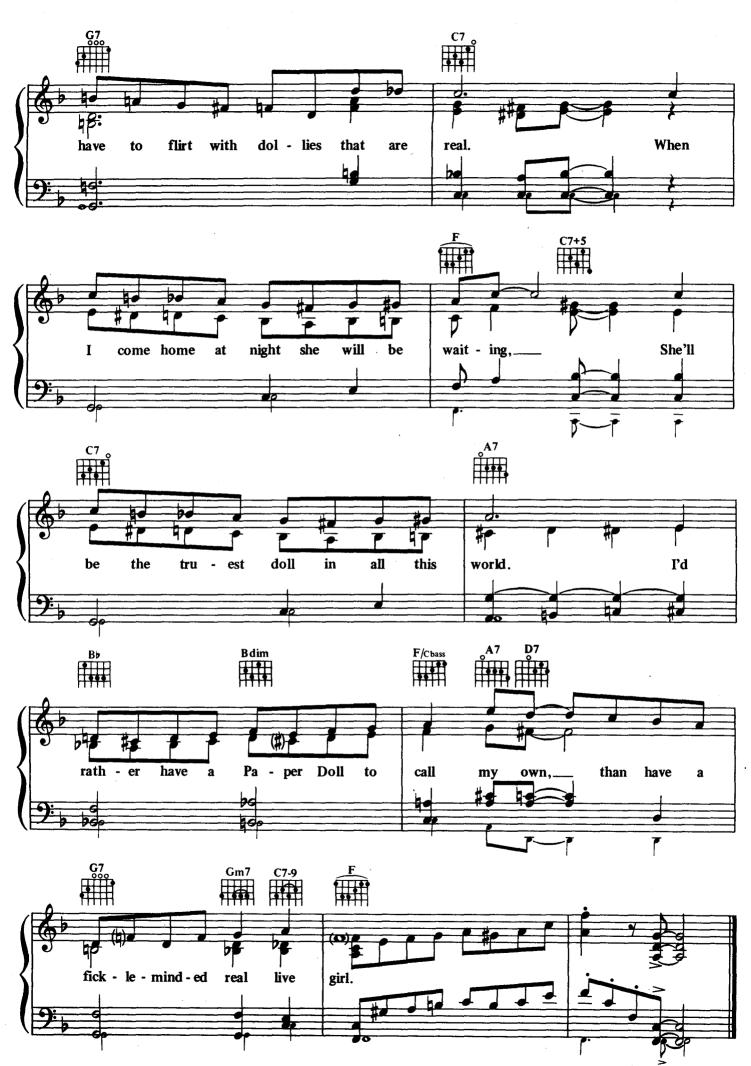


Paper Doll

In 1930 in America composer Johnny Black sold *Paper Doll* to a publisher, E.B. Marks, for a \$100 advance against royalties, but neglected to mention that he himself had copyrighted the song back in 1915. It collected dust in Marks' file until 1942, when the Mills Brothers recorded their hit version. Then someone discovered that the copyright was due to expire and Marks would lose the song unless he could sign up the renewal rights. But Johnny Black was dead and it was necessary to locate his heirs. The trail led to an elderly father and an ex-wife. Both were persuaded to sign, but the ex-wife demanded a bonus – one week in New York for her and a friend as guests of the publisher. The bonus was paid and the song was saved.

By: Johnny S. Black



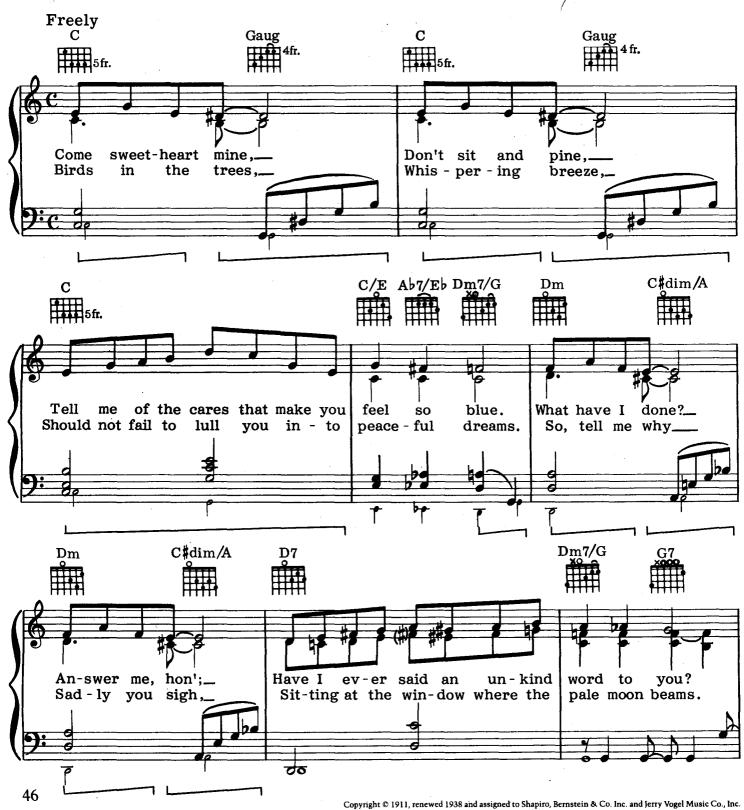


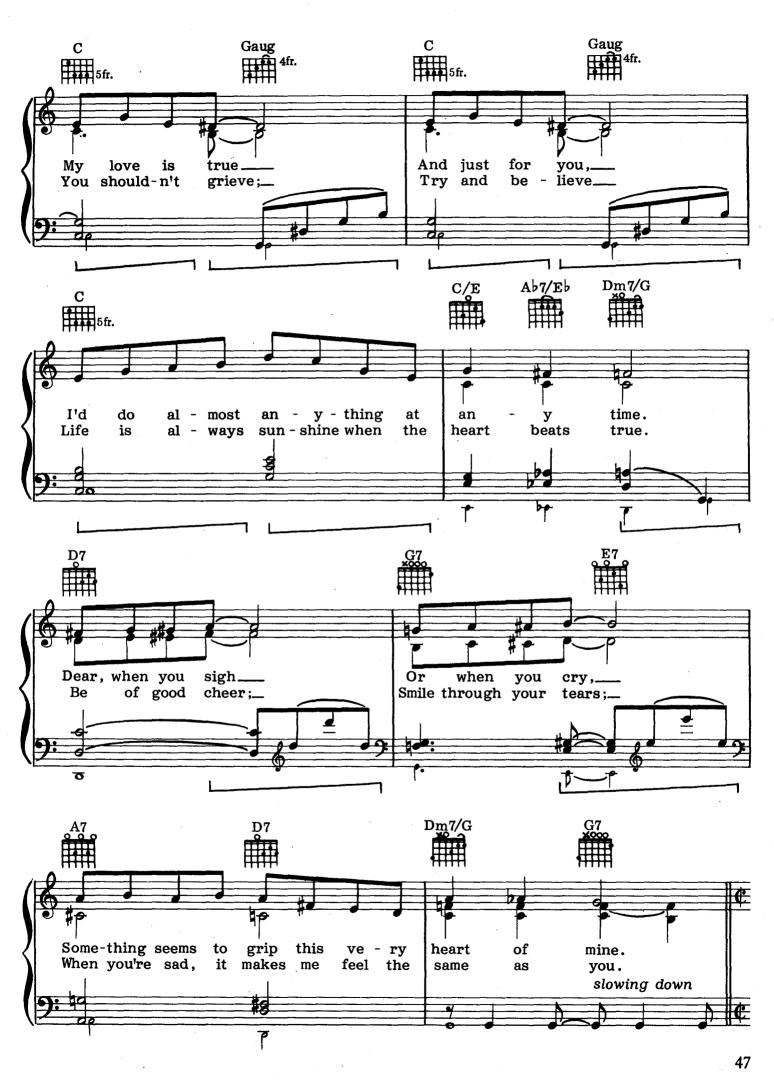
My Melancholy Baby

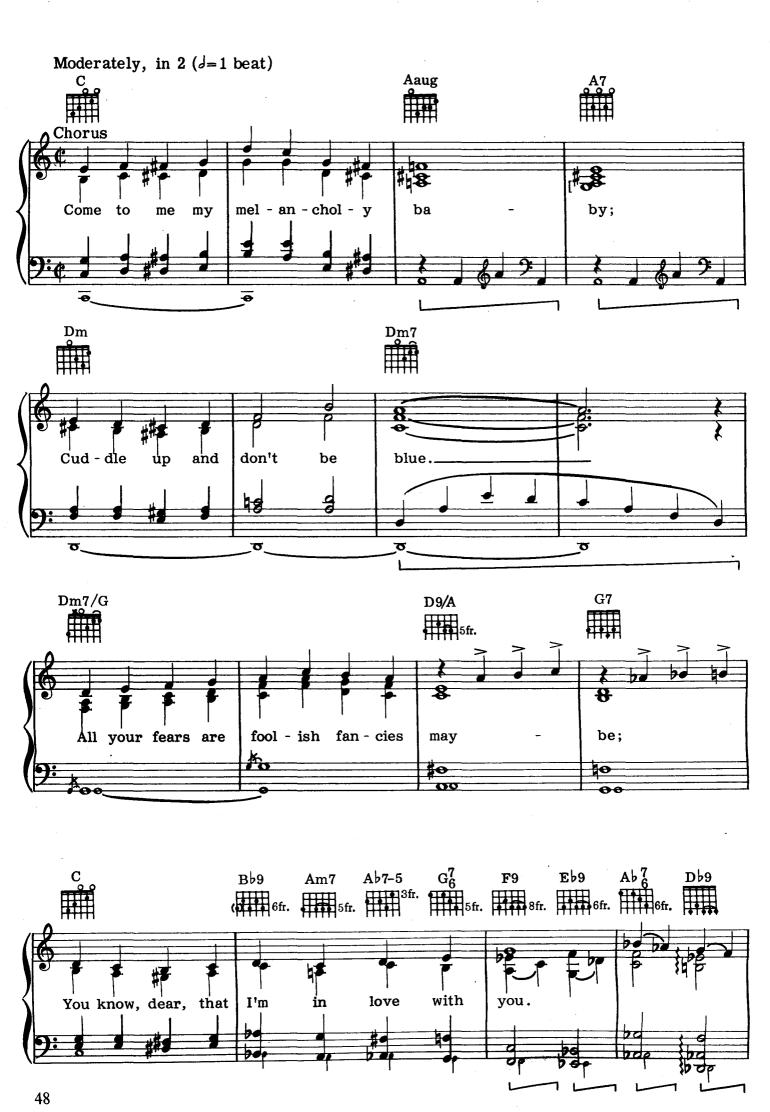
Words by George Norton; Music by Ernie Burnett

Over the years this tuneful song has become linked with a moving expression of end-of-the-evening feelings. Originally called *Melancholy*, it was first heard around 1912 at the Dutch Mill in Denver, Colorado, then one of the more elegant night spots in the West, and it went on to become a popular vaudeville number. During the late 1920s it was frequently featured by Tommy Lyman, an American cabaret singer who began work at midnight and continued to perform into the wee small hours. It was also sung by Priscilla Lane in the 1939 James Cagney gangster film, *The Roaring Twenties*.











Ma (He's Making Eyes at Me)

Vaudeville was at the height of its popularity in the Roaring Twenties, and Eddie Cantor one of its top stars. In the 1921 revue *The Midnight Rounders* the ebullient Cantor style cried out for a novelty number, which would give him a chance to roll his 'saucer' eyes. Cantor's performance of *Ma* helped keep the show running for two years. In 1958 the song had a new lease of life as a rock 'n' roll number.

Words by: Sidney Clare Music by: Con Conrad





ONE ALONE

That stirring vow of fidelity, One Alone, from The Desert Song, is part of a three-way musical discussion called Eastern and Western Love. Representing the 'eastern' points of view one Moroccan tribesman advises treating love as a passing pleasure, while another advocates a 'harem of blossoms'. But the Red Shadow, a Frenchman in disguise, rejects both ideas. He pledges his undying devotion to 'one alone to be my own'. Harry Welchman starred in the 1927 London version, and recently John Hanson has played the Red Shadow in theatres throughout Britain.

Words by Otto Harbach and Oscar Hammerstein II Music by Sigmund Romberg





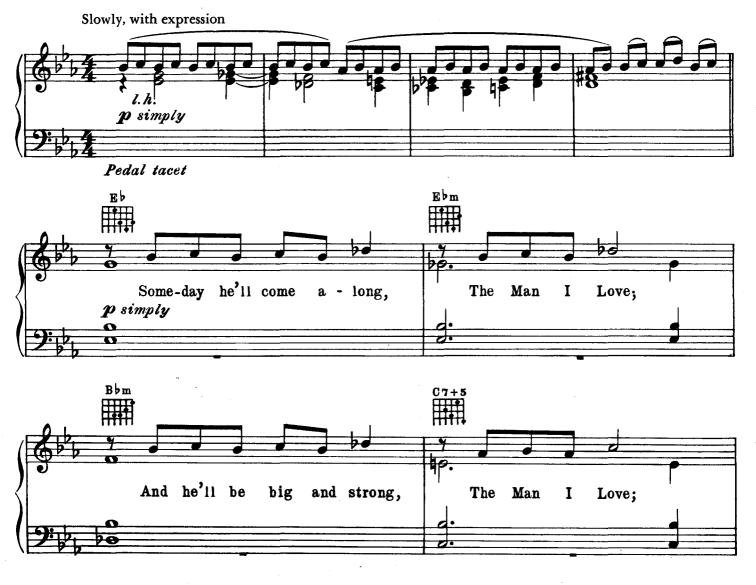
The Man I Love

The Man I Love had the odd distinction of becoming a recognised standard despite its having been: (1) thrown out of the Broadway musical for which it had been written (Lady, Be Good in 1924); (2) sung in a show that initially flopped on the road (the 1927 Strike Up the Band); (3) added to and then cut from a third musical (Rosalie, 1928); and (4) rejected when Strike Up the Band was successfully revised in 1930. The reason for the last rejection was ironic: by then

the song had become too well known. In England, this was largely thanks to Lady Louis Mountbatten, who had heard the song in New York. She liked it so much that, on her return to London, she had it played by the Berkeley Square Orchestra, who turned it into a café society hit. It was then taken up by various jazz groups — who played it in London and Paris — and American visitors would go home humming the melody and asking bands in New York to play it.

Words by Ira Gershwin

Music by George Gershwin



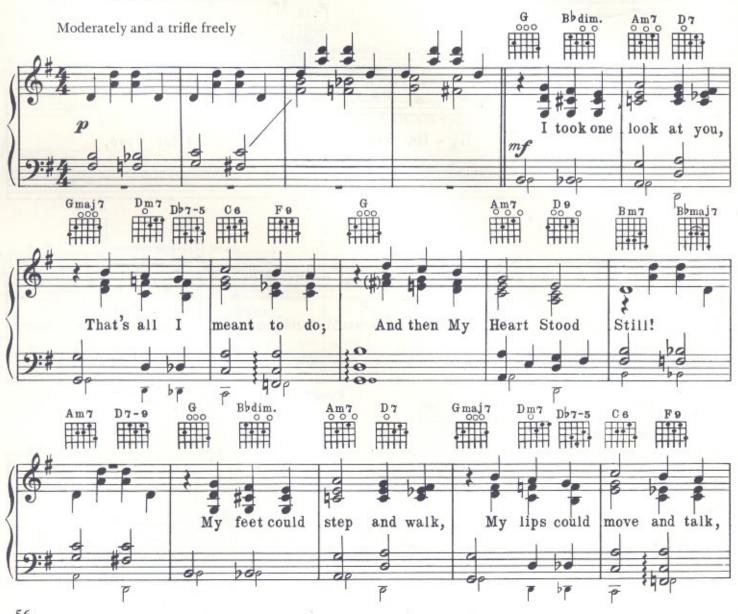




My Heart Stood Still

No lyric writer has ever enjoyed a greater reputation for intricate, many-syllabled rhyming than Lorenz Hart. Yet Hart could also be both eloquent and simple, which he proved conclusively in his words for My Heart Stood Still. Here not only is there so meaningful a line as 'That unfelt clasp of hands', but the entire lyric – with the exception of just six words – was put together with words of only one syllable. It was first sung by Jessie Matthews and Richard Dolman in 1927 in the London revue One Damn Thing After Another. The ballad was also used in the 1927 Broadway musical A Connecticut Yankee.

Words by Lorenz Hart Music by Richard Rodgers





'S Wonderful

Here lyricist Ira Gershwin's aim was to achieve the amusingly sibilant sound caused by dropping the 'it' from the contraction 'it's', and slurring the remaining 's' as part of the following word. The result: 's lovely to play and 's fun to sing. Fred Astaire's sister, Adele, first introduced the song in the 1927 musical Funny Face. The song was revived by Twiggy in My One and Only, which opened on Broadway in May 1983.

Words by Ira Gershwin

Music by George Gershwin







It was while listening to native chants in Marrakesh, Morocco, that Cole Porter got the inspiration for this dark, brooding melody of despair. Introduced in London by Elsie Carlisle in the 1929 revue Wake Up and Dream, the song became so well known that by the time the show moved to New York, in the following year, audiences greeted it as an old favourite. It is one of the classic songs about the agony of being jilted and left alone.

Words and Music by Cole Porter







The appearance of film star Glenn Hunter in the 1929 American musical Spring Is Here presented a problem: he could not sing. So Rodgers and Hart gave With A Song In My Heart to his more vocally gifted 'rival', John Hundley. Almost 20 years later, the BBC adopted the song as the theme tune for Family Favourites, when the record request programme was launched on the air in January 1948.

Words by Lorenz Hart Music by Richard Rodgers





I'll See You Again

Noël Coward's operetta *Bitter Sweet* opened at His Majesty's Theatre, London, in 1929 and told of the touching romance between a Victorian English girl and her Viennese music teacher – whom she marries and who is later killed in a duel. The recurring waltz theme, *I'll See You Again* – according to Noël Coward – "just dropped into my head, whole and complete', during a taxi ride. It was first sung in the guise of a musical exercise by the hero and heroine, played by George Metaxa and Peggy Wood.

Words and Music by Noël Coward





Someone to Watch Over Me

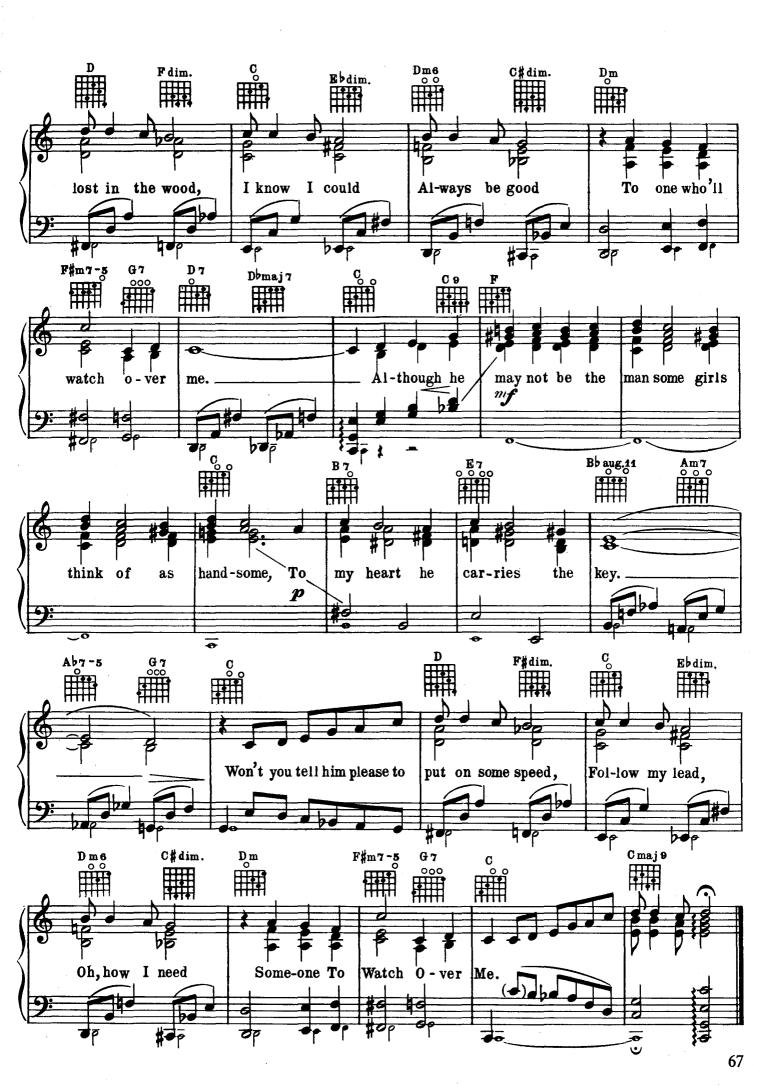
When forlorn Gertrude Lawrence, clutching a rag doll, sang this gentle plea in the 1926 musical comedy Oh, Kay a Broadway critic stated that the Gershwins had 'wrung the withers of even the most hard-hearted of those present'. Composer George had originally written the melody in up tempo, but soon realised that it sounded far better as a slow romantic ballad. The musical came to London's His Majesty's Theatre in 1927, again starring Gertrude Lawrence along with comedian Claude Hulbert.



Words by Ira Gershwin

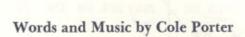
Music by George Gershwin





You Do Something to Me

The bridge, or middle part, of a standard popular song has seldom been more excitingly constructed than in You Do Something to Me. Here the melody seems to take wings on a flight of pure ecstasy as it punches out the message with those infectious interior rhymes: 'Do do that voo doo that you do so well'. The song, a product of 1929, was introduced in Cole Porter's first major Broadway success Fifty Million Frenchmen, a spoof on Americans abroad.







Thou Swell

Words by Lorenz Hart

Music by Richard Rodgers The mating of Olde English with 1927 slang was accomplished with great style in Rodgers' and Hart's *Thou Swell*. Surprisingly, when first sung in *A Connecticut Yankee* during the show's Philadelphia tryout, the song left audiences so cold that the producer wanted it taken out of the score. Richard Rodgers fought to keep it in and was vindicated when it became one of the musical's most admired numbers. Its popularity was ensured when the musical became a success at London's Daly's Theatre in 1929.





The Blue Room

Words by Lorenz Hart



Music by Richard Rodgers

This tender ode to domestic tranquillity was first sung in the 1926 Broadway musical *The Girl Friend*, which came to London and the Palace Theatre in the following year. The key word 'room' is skilfully emphasised in the first and second eight-bar sections: every time it is sung it is preceded by the rhyme falling on 'C' with the word itself raised one tone higher.

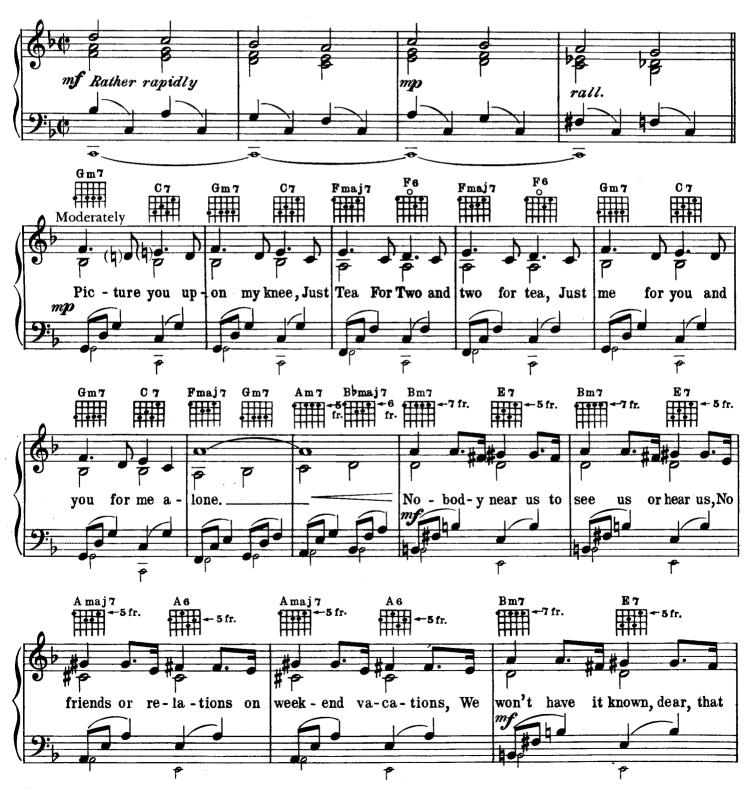






A 'dummy lyric' is a temporary set of words put together to help lyricists work out a song's metric form and rhyme scheme. Tea for Two may be a classic, but it still uses the dummy lyric Irving Caesar dashed off hurriedly one night. The cheerful number was added to the 1925 musical comedy No, No, Nanette, which came from Broadway to London's Palace Theatre – when the cast included George Grossmith, Binnie Hale and Joan Barry.

Music by Vincent Youmans





Make Believe

Make Believe was one of the immortal melodies heard in Kern's 1927 musical version of Edna Ferber's novel Showboat. Lyricist Oscar Hammerstein recalled: 'Jerome played a melody for me and I got some words to fit the middle part. They were "Couldn't I? Couldn't you? Couldn't we?" At the moment, though, I had no idea what I and you and we couldn't do. It just seemed to sing. Later, I wrote words up to that section and then away from it. But this is not the ideal way to write a song.'

Words by: Oscar Hammerstein II

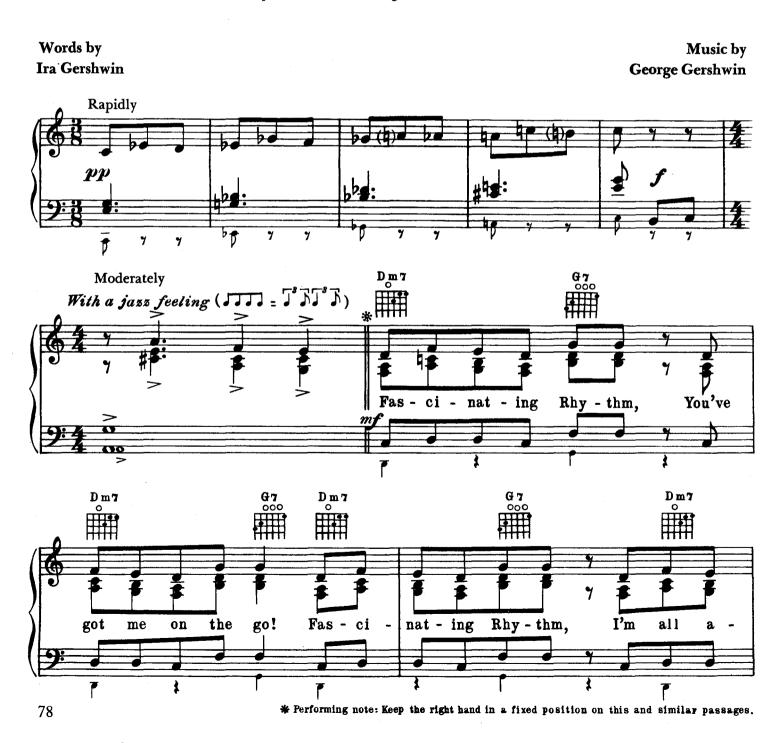
> Music by: Jerome Kern

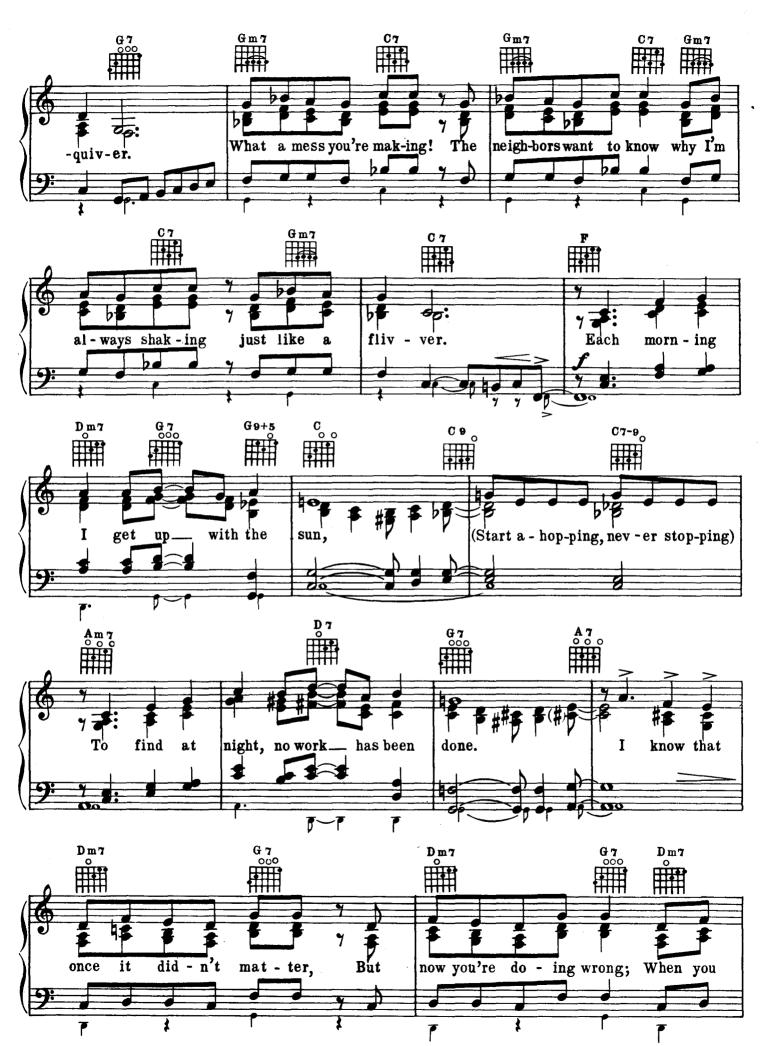




Fascinating Rhythm

'Fascinating' is the proper term for this combination of words and music. After receiving the melody from his brother, lyricist Ira Gershwin faced an enormous task: the jagged, syncopated tune with its tricky accents hardly lent itself to a boy-girl expression, either amorous or humorous. So he simply hit upon a lyric describing the effects of a nagging, insinuating, fascinating rhythm. Fred and Adele Astaire first sang about it in the musical *Lady*, *Be Good!* which opened on Broadway in 1924 and at London's Empire Theatre in 1926 – again with the Astaires.









Originally written in fast tempo, as a dance sequence, this melody was later slowed down – by Helen Morgan, who played Julie in the 1927 Broadway production of *Showboat*. Miss Morgan, perched on top of a piano, sang it in her night-club act as an evocative and haunting 'torch song'. In the 1928 London production of *Showboat*, at the Drury Lane Theatre, it was sung by Marie Burke (as Julie) and Edith Day (as Magnolia). When it was revived in London in 1971 at the Adelphi, Cleo Laine (among others) played Julie and Lorna Dalla played Magnolia.

Words by: Oscar Hammerstein II

Music by: Jerome Kern







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Bye Bye Blackbird

Every new generation seems susceptible to this carefree, rhythmic charmer of a song. Perhaps it is because the lyrics, though virtually a string of non sequiturs, convey the feeling of thumbing a nose at the whole unfriendly, complicated, oppressive world. In the year 1926, composer Henderson could afford to do this. *Blackbird* was one of several hits he wrote in that year. The song was included in the 1955 gangster film *Pete Kelly's Blues*, with Peggy Lee and Ella Fitzgerald.

Words by Mort Dixon

Music by Ray Henderson



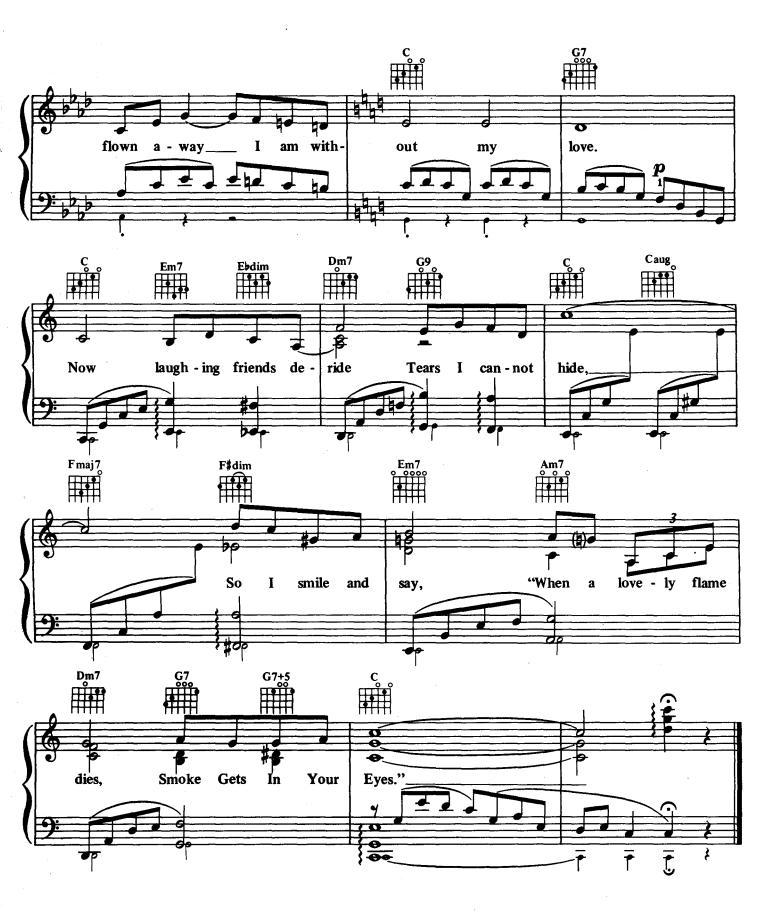


SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES

It was 1933, the depths of the Depression, and shows were closing up and down along Broadway. But *Roberta* played on, thanks to this plaintive song, first intended by Jerome Kern as an instrumental interlude to fill in during scene changes. He dusted off a march he had composed some time earlier as a theme for an unproduced radio series, slowed down the tempo and then decided it could use lyrics after all. On opening night, the song brought down the house. Irene Dunne sang it in the 1935 film version to a wistful accompaniment of mandolins.











Night and Day was created to fit the limited singing range of Fred Astaire, who introduced it in the 1932 Broadway musical Gay Divorce. The following year Astaire repeated his success when the show opened at the Palace Theatre in London. As a lyricist, Cole Porter showed his great skill at depicting contrasts: 'night and day', 'near or far', 'roaring traffic's boom' and 'the silence of my lonely room'. As a melodist, he composed a compelling theme spun out to 16 bars, repeated, and brought back, somewhat abridged, within the final eight.

Words and Music by Cole Porter







Embraceable You

Though written in 1928 for an unproduced operetta called East Is West, the Gershwin brothers' Embraceable You was not sung in public until two years later when 19-year-old Ginger Rogers did the honours in Girl Crazy. Ira managed to write three sets of four-syllable rhymes in a slow tempo ballad without jarring the romantic mood set by brother George.



Words by Ira Gershwin

Music by George Gershwin

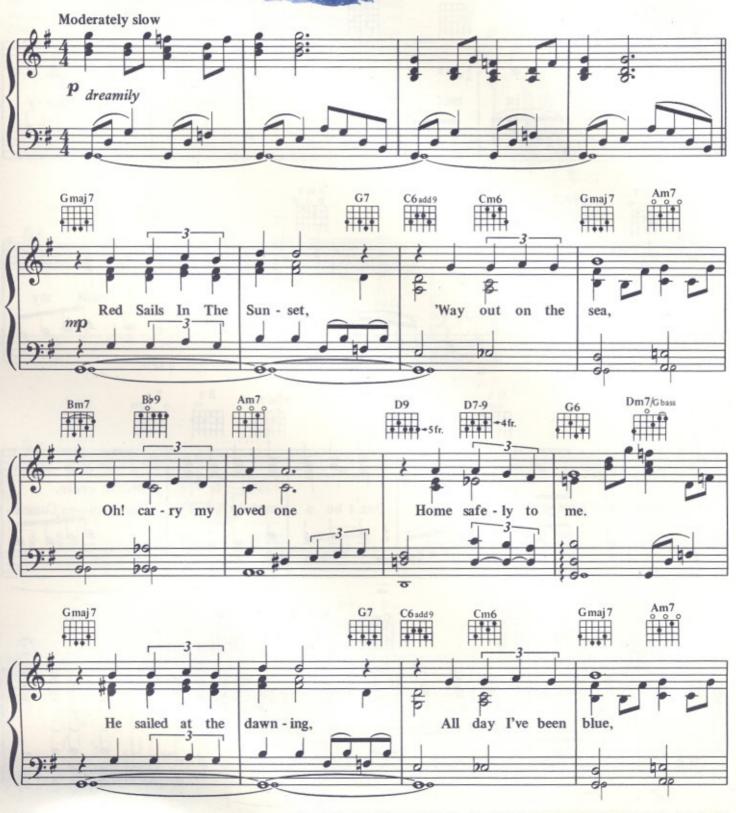


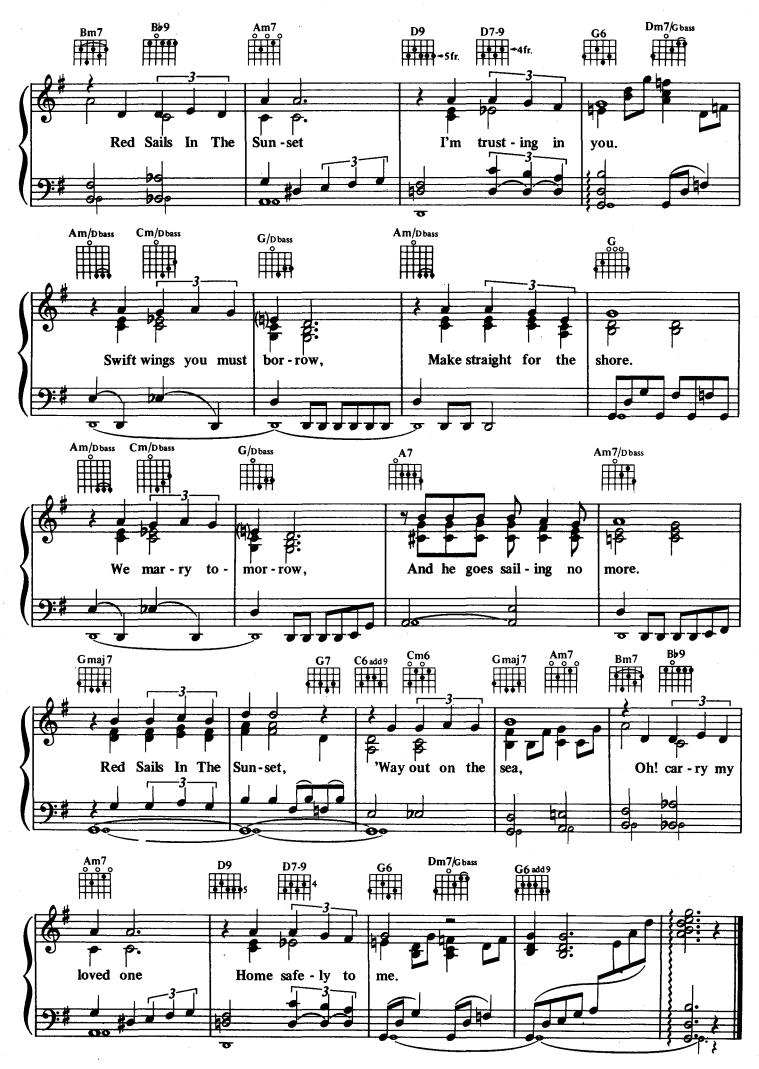


Red Sails

Words by: Jimmy Kennedy Music by: Hugh Williams A 1935 visit to the romantic island of Capri inspired British lyricist Jimmy Kennedy to write this song, suggested by bright red sails on little Italian boats, cast against a purple Mediterranean sunset. It became a hit on both sides of the Atlantic, and Gracie Fields reintroduced it in Britain in 1947.

in the Sunset







Had impresario Florenz Ziegfeld not taken such a strong dislike to Dancing on the Ceiling, the song would have been unveiled in his Broadway musical Simple Simon, early in 1930. But Rodgers and Hart did not have long to wait for a spot to be found for it. The song was slotted into their musical, Evergreen, which opened in London later the same year. Sung by Jessie Matthews, the lilting air became the showstopper of the production. Jessie Matthews, a popular musical comedy star in the 1930s and 1940s, later won new fame in the title role in BBC radio's serial, Mrs Dale's Diary.

Words by Lorenz Hart Music by Richard Rodgers



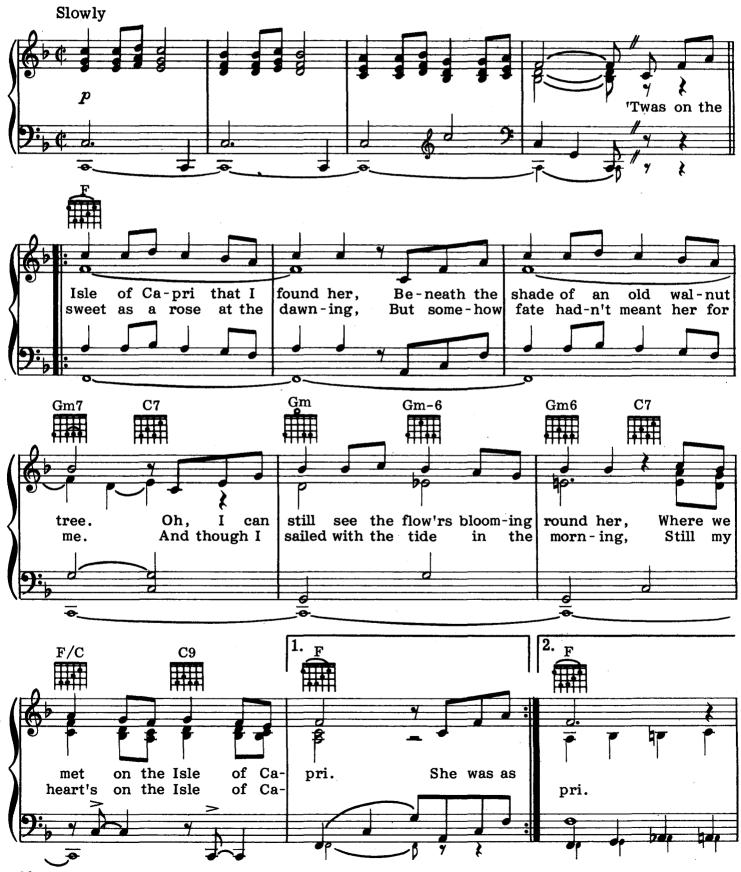


ISLE OF CAPRI

Words by Jimmy Kennedy; Music by Will Grosz



Romantic and nostalgic, with an amusing twist at the end, *Isle of Capri* is a product of the British songwriting team of Will Grosz and Jimmy Kennedy. Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians introduced the ballad in the United States in 1934, and Xavier Cugat and his orchestra popularised it further through their nightclub appearances and recordings. But it was the raucous swing version by Wingy Manone in 1935 that brought the song its greatest fame and gave the one-armed trumpeter his first hit recording. Gracie Fields also had a hit with it in Britain.





All the hum (1939) appe

Nobody expected this song to become a hit, let alone an all-time favourite. Jerome Kern admittedly composed the complex melody for his own satisfaction, but he was certain the public would never hum it. Then the show in which it appeared, *Very Warm for May* (1939), was a disaster. Yet *All the Things You Are* survived, and appealed enough to Joan Regan and Mario Lanza to record it.

Words by: Oscar Hammerstein II

Music by: Jerome Kern







In a Shanty in Old Shanty Town

In 1932, when this paean to poverty was written, there were many shanties in many shanty towns throughout the United States. For the country was then in the depth of the Depression and receptive to a lyric celebrating the pleasure of a far from luxurious abode. Co-composer Little Jack Little, who was primarily a pianist and band-leader, introduced the number on his radio programme in his intimate half-singing, half-talking style. In Britain the song – with its longing for home and mother – has been recorded by, among others, Vera Lynn and Max Bygraves.



Music by Little Jack Little and John Siras



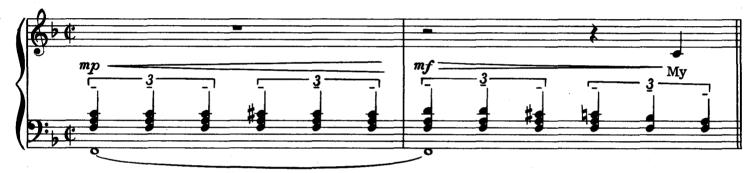


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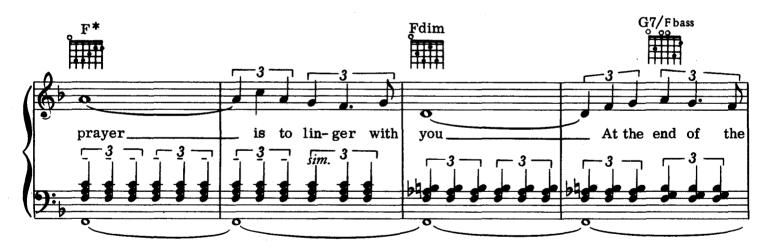
Music by Georges Boulanger
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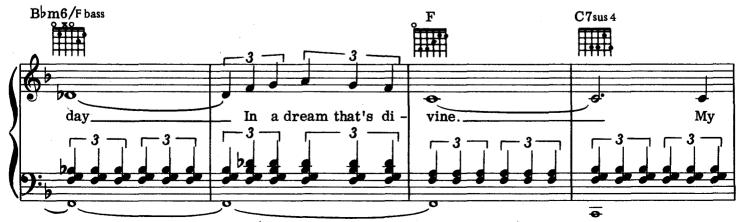
The melody was originally written in 1939 as a short piece for the violin, Avant de Mourir ('Before Dying'), by the French composer Georges Boulanger. English songwriter Jimmy Kennedy adapted the music to a song format and wrote lyrics which were introduced in England by Vera Lynn. In 1956–7 My Prayer became a best-selling record for the American singing group the Platters.

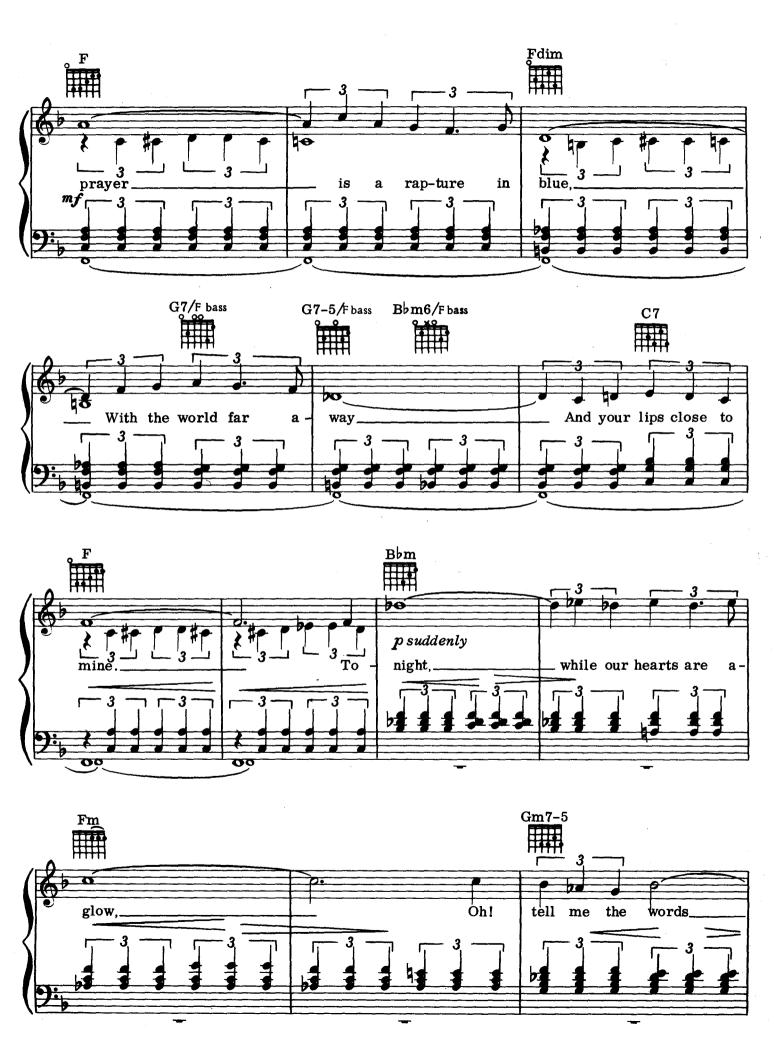
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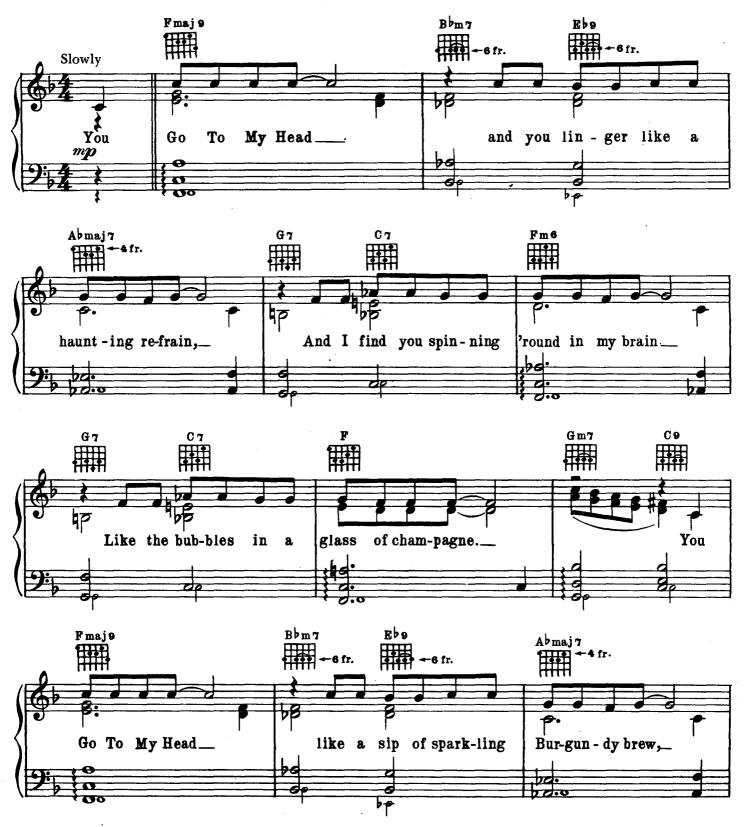


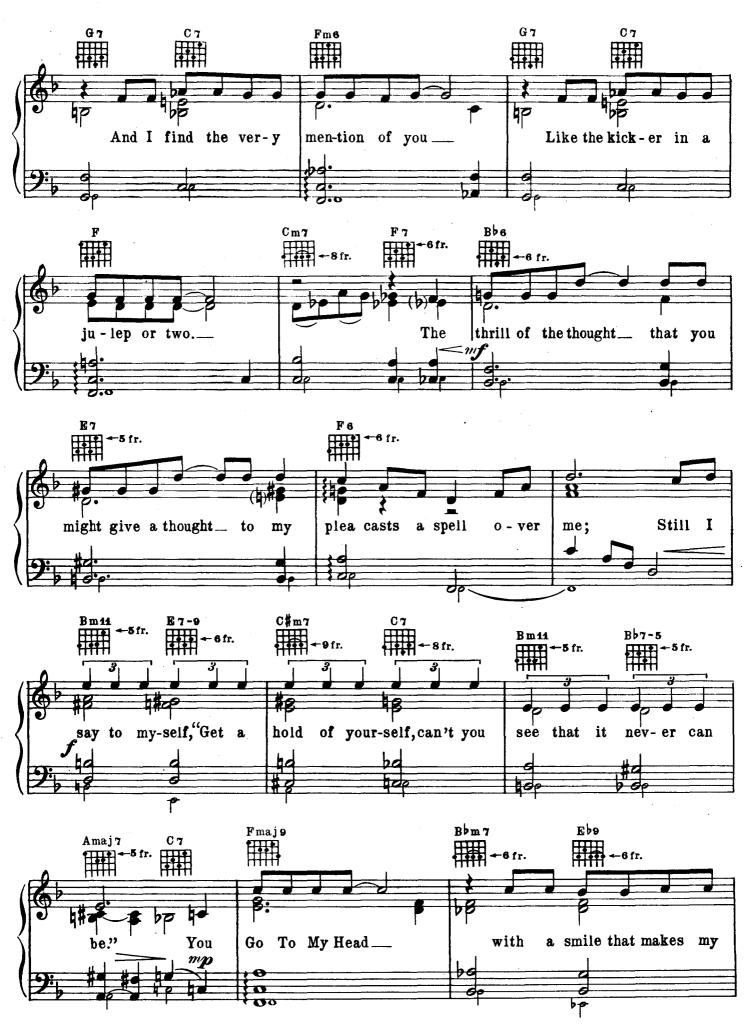
You Go to My Head

It took this song some two years before finding a publisher in 1938. American radio stations at that time had a strict ruling against any reference to an alcoholic beverage and here was a lyric dealing with the heady effects of no less than three. But the song became a hit despite the radio ban.

Words by Haven Gillespie

Music by J. Fred Coots





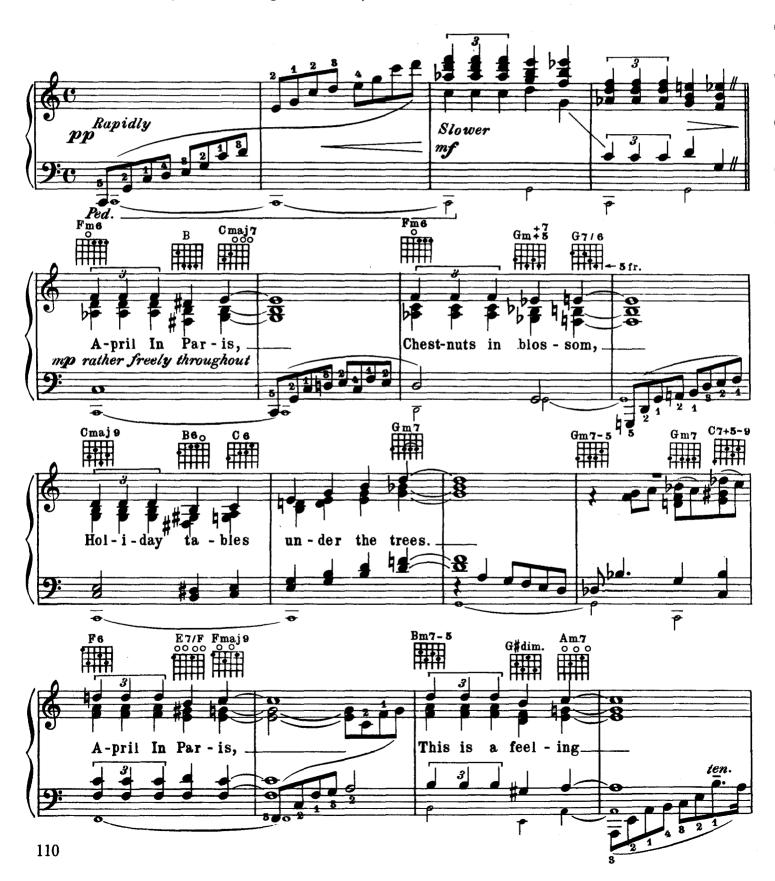


April in Paris

Words by E. Y. Harburg

Music by Vernon Duke

'Oh, to be in Paris now that April's here!' boomed a nostalgic Monty Woolley at a Manhattan bistro one day in 1932. 'April in Paris,' announced composer Vernon Duke dramatically. 'What a title!' And he promptly composed this lovely song for the revue Walk a Little Faster with the British comedienne Beatrice Lillie.





Dancing in the Dark



Dancing in the Dark was a product of sheer inspiration. While working on the score for the 1931 Broadway revue The Band Wagon, composer Arthur Schwartz was groping for – in his words – 'a dark song, somewhat mystical, yet in slow, even rhythm'. For days nothing would satisfy him. Then one morning he awoke with this melody so fixed in his head that all he had to do was jot down the notes. Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra made best-selling records of it.

Words by Howard Dietz

Music by Arthur Schwartz





I Get a Kick Out of You

Words and Music by Cole Porter



Cole Porter's sophisticated ballad at first appears to fall into the familiar A-A-B-A pattern, with each section consisting of 16 bars. Yet both times the A theme is repeated, only the first six bars remain constant, the rest indulging in some compelling variations. This is particularly true in the final section in which the tones rise higher and higher with the plane's ascent, only to descend as the lyrics express total indifference to the flight. I Get a Kick Out of You was first sung in 1934 by Ethel Merman in the musical comedy Anything Goes, written by P.G. Wodehouse and Guy Bolton. It opened at the Palace Theatre in London in 1935, and was successfully revived at the Savoy in 1969.





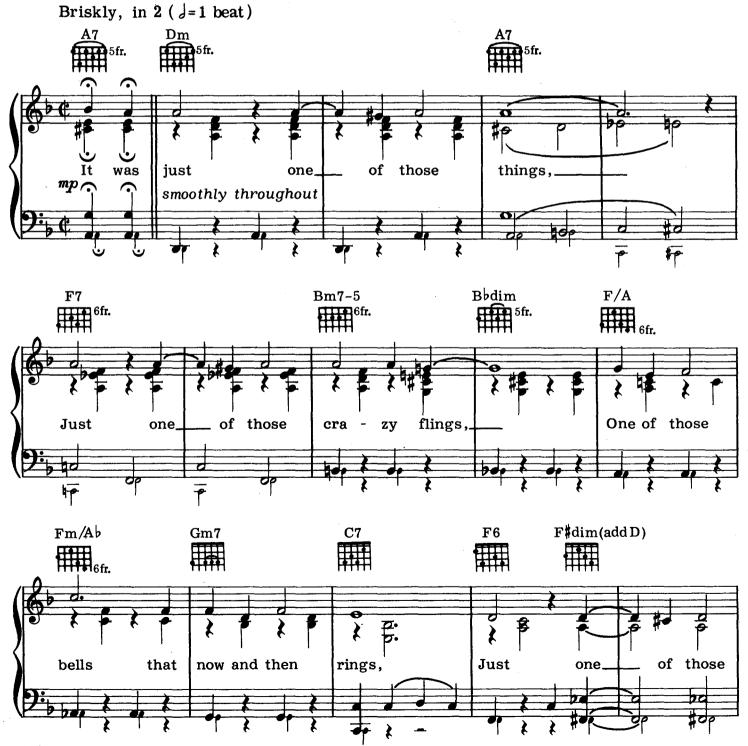




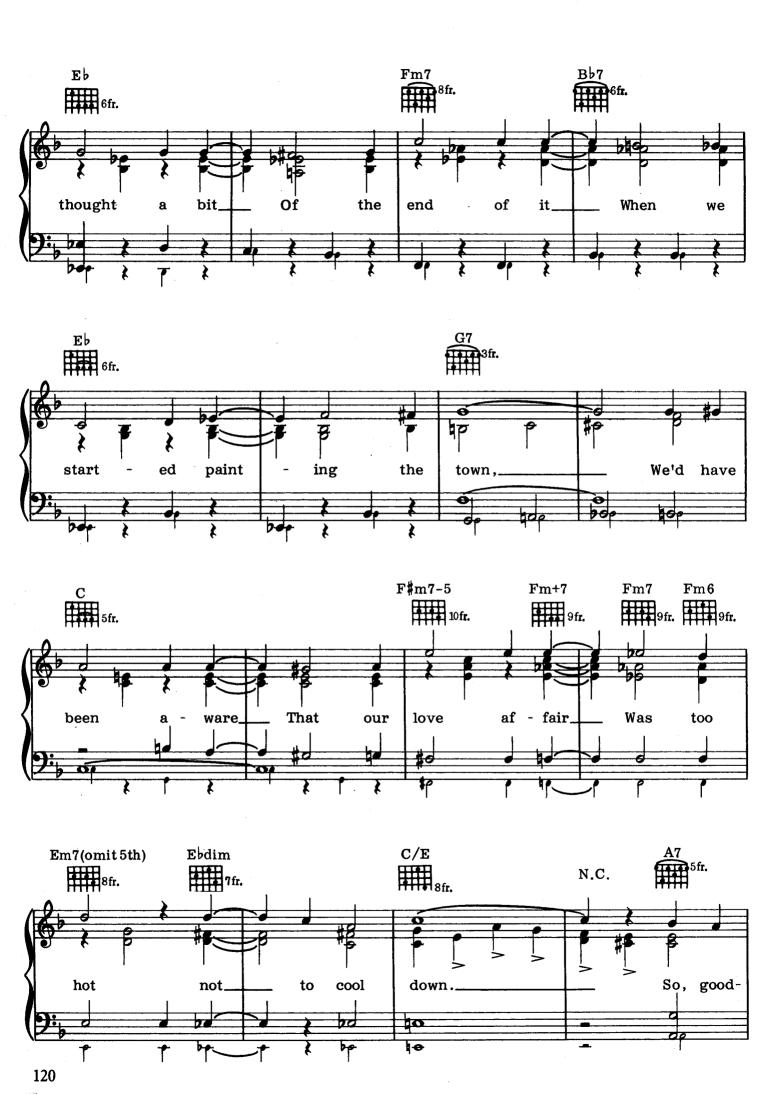
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Way your Words and Music by Cole Porter Way your Way you

Just One of Those Things is anything but. It is one of those legendary songs written on the spur of the moment – in fact, overnight. When Cole Porter's musical Jubilee was being prepared for its Broadway opening in 1935, Moss Hart, who wrote the book for the show, suggested to Porter that a strong new song was needed for the second act. The composer agreed, and the next morning he appeared with a sheet of scribbled notes and sang for Hart the complete verse and chorus of Just One of Those Things. There was one word, however, that gave Porter trouble. He spent days poring through dictionaries, but he could not find an adjective to go with 'wings' until a friend suggested a word that had probably never before appeared in a popular song: 'gossamer'.









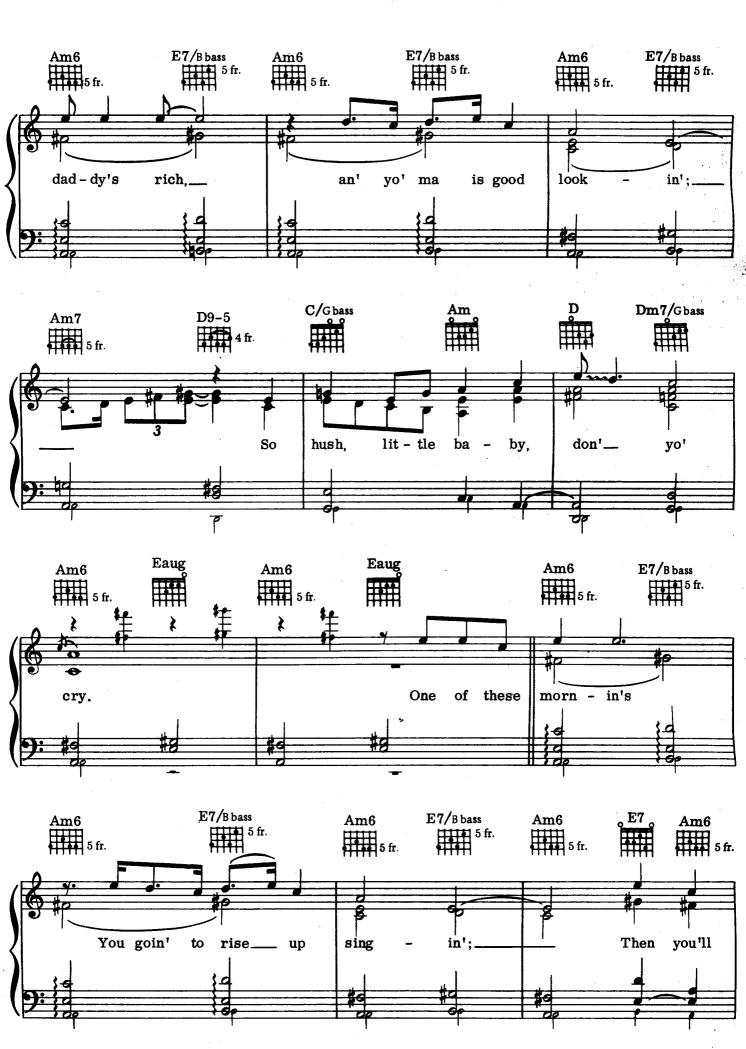


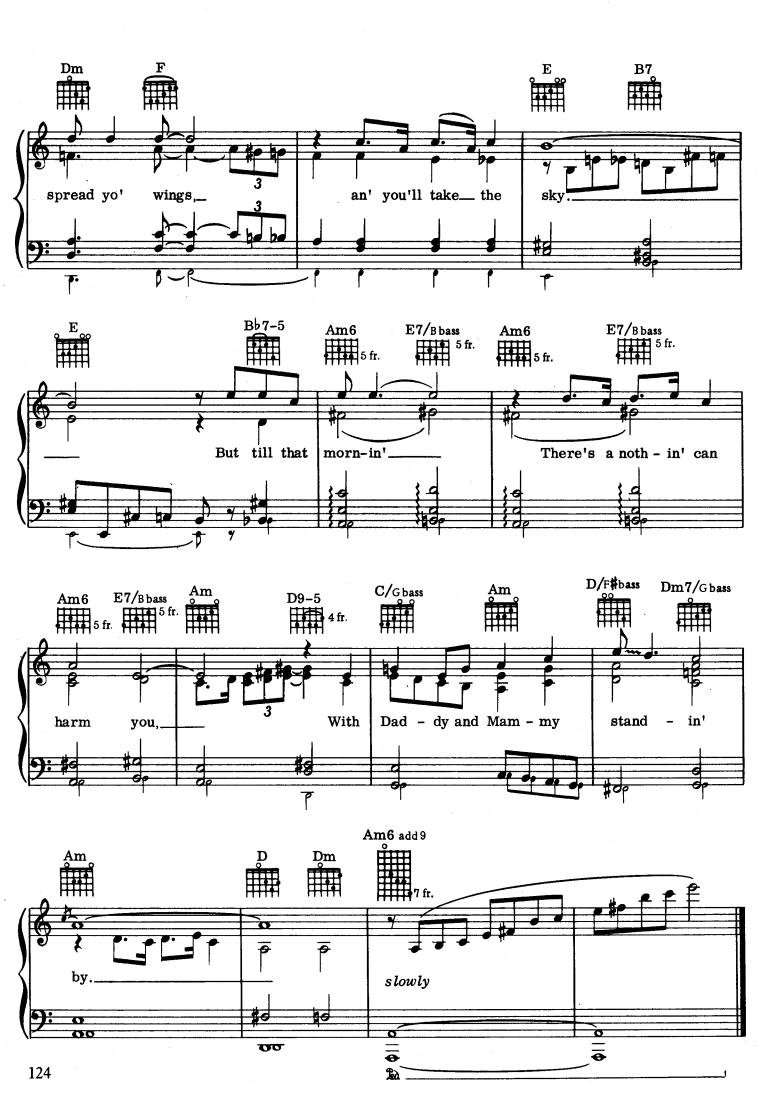
When the curtain goes up on *Porgy and Bess*, the first song heard is this charming lullaby. DuBose Heyward developed the lyric from a passage in his book *Porgy* (on which the 1935 Negro folk opera was based) – 'Hush, li'l baby, don' you cry,/Fadder an' mudder born to die.' George Gershwin loved his own melody. Director Rouben Mamoulian recalls George and his brother Ira performing the song: 'George played with the most beatific smile on his face . . . Ira sang – he threw his head back with abandon, his eyes closed, and sang like a nightingale. In the middle of the song, George could not bear it any longer and took over the singing from him. To describe George's face while he sang *Summertime* . . . Nirvana might be the word!'

Words by DuBose Heyward Music by George Gershwin

Summertime







You'll Never Walk Alone

Cole Porter once said that Richard Rodgers' best songs have 'a kind of holiness about them'. He might well have been talking about You'll Never Walk Alone, a musical, emotional, and spiritual high point of Rodgers' and Hammerstein's 1945 show Carousel. Rodgers' wife, Dorothy, has named this as one of her four favourite Rodgers' compositions - the others are Hello Young Lovers, Little Girl Blue and a personal, sentimental favourite, Dear, Dear, the very first love song Rodgers wrote after they were married. Any visitor to Anfield, the home of Liverpool Football Club, will hear their supporters on the Kop singing You'll Never Walk Alone. It was adopted by the club soon after Gerry and the Pacemakers – part of the Mersey sound – had a No. 1 hit with it in 1963.

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II

Music by Richard Rodgers



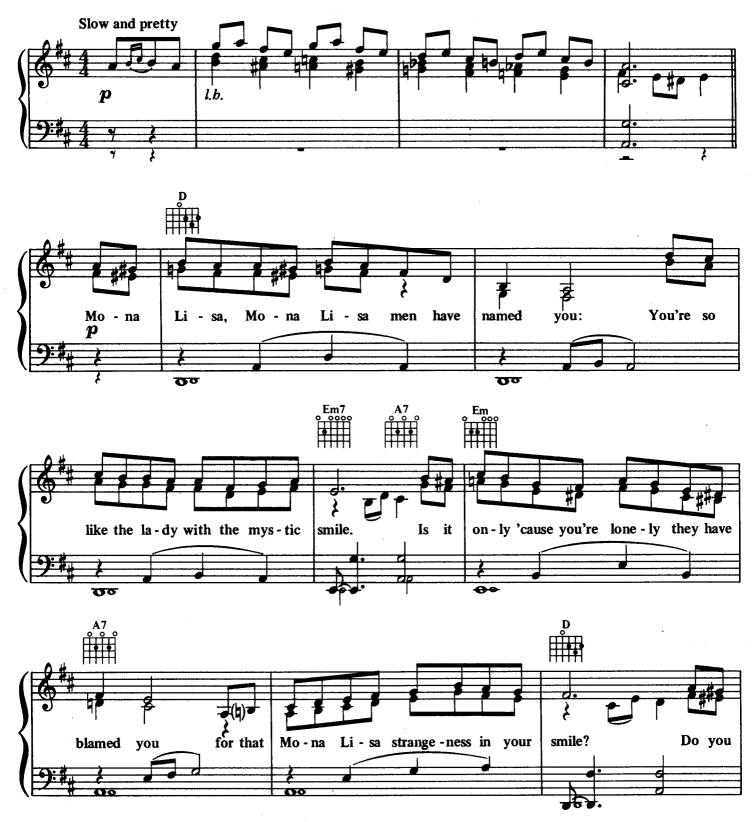




Mona Lisa

In 1949 songwriters Jay Livingston and Ray Evans were asked by Paramount to write a 'warning song' for Captain Carey, U.S.A., an Alan Ladd film about the OSS in Italy during the Second World War. Every time the Nazis were in the neighbourhood, a strolling accordionist was to play this melody. Mona Lisa was the song, and it won an Academy Award. It was also a hit record for Nat 'King' Cole.

Words and Music by: Jay Livingston and Ray Evans





Now Is the Hour

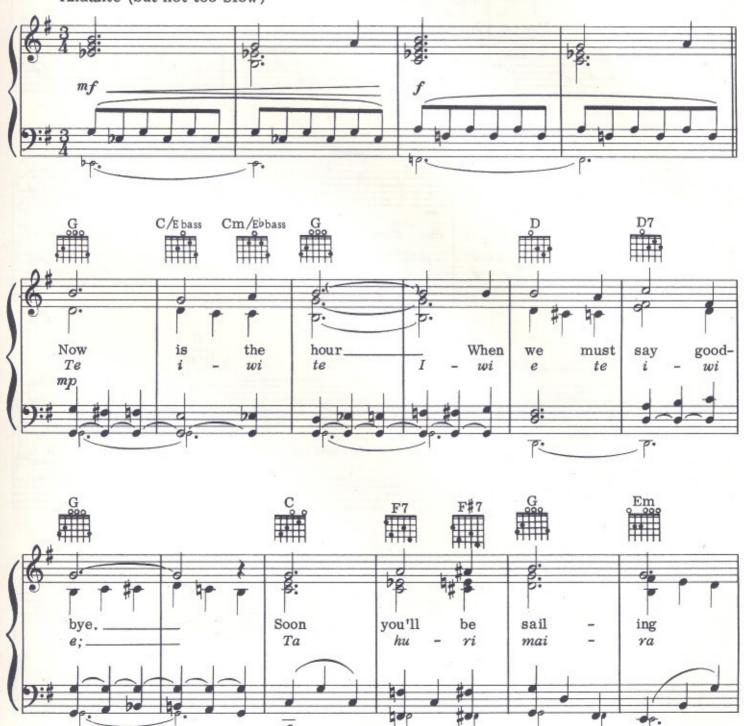
(Maori Farewell Song)

Although usually thought of as a genuine Polynesian song, Now is the Hour is of neither Maori nor New Zealand origin. It is believed to have been written in Australia in 1913 under another title, and to have been adopted by Maori singers some years later. The song achieved widespread popularity during the Second World War, when it was associated with New Zealand servicemen abroad, and recorded by Bing Crosby in 1947. The following year Gracie Fields made it a hit in Britain.



Original words by Maewae Kaihau Music by Clement Scott English words by Dorothy Stewart

Andante (but not too slow)





Haere ra
Te manu tangi pai;
E haere ana,
Koe ki pamamao.
Haere ra,
Ka hoki mai ano,
Kite tau
E tangi atu nei.

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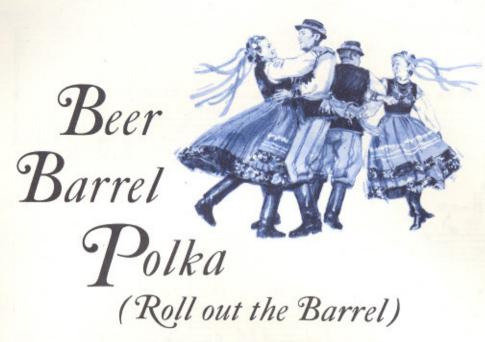
Blues in the Night

Words by Johnny Mercer Written in 1941 for a minor Hollywood film called *Hot Nocturne*, this melancholy song became so popular that the picture was retitled *Blues in the Night*. Starring Priscilla Lane, Betty Field and Jack Carson, the film relates the romantic and professional adventures of a travelling jazz band. Johnny Mercer wrote alternative lyrics for a boy and girl. And the song – one of composer Arlen's own favourites – was nominated for an Academy Award.

Music by Harold Arlen





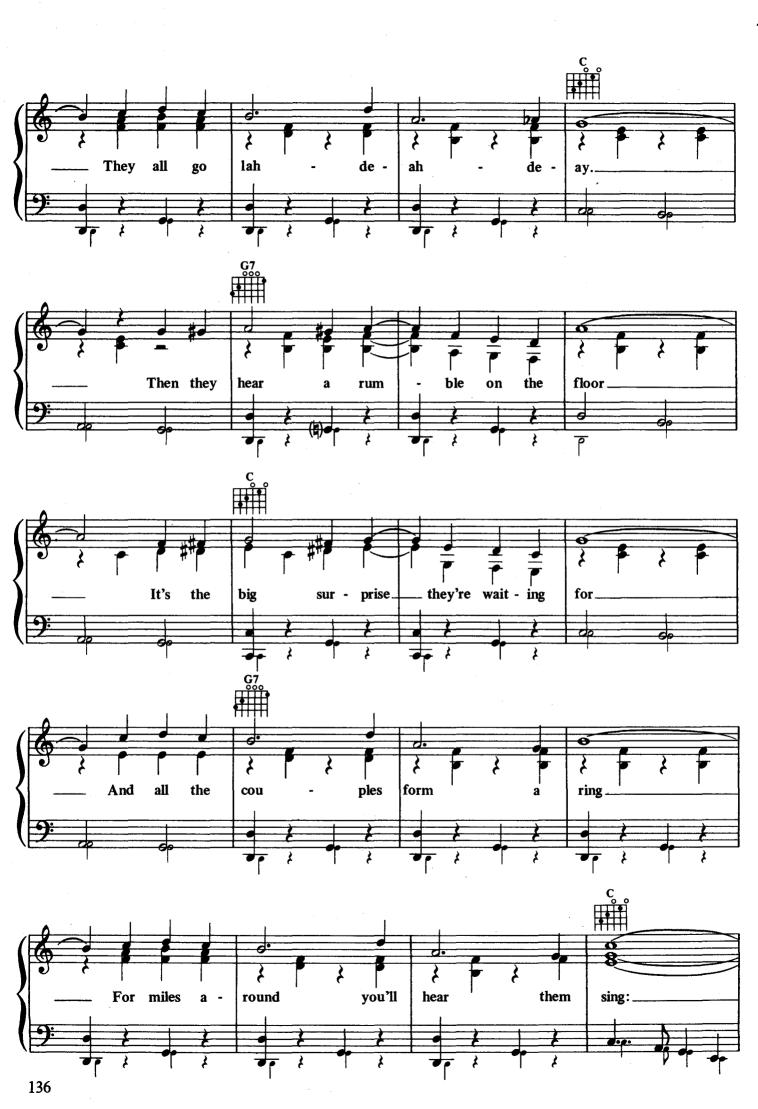


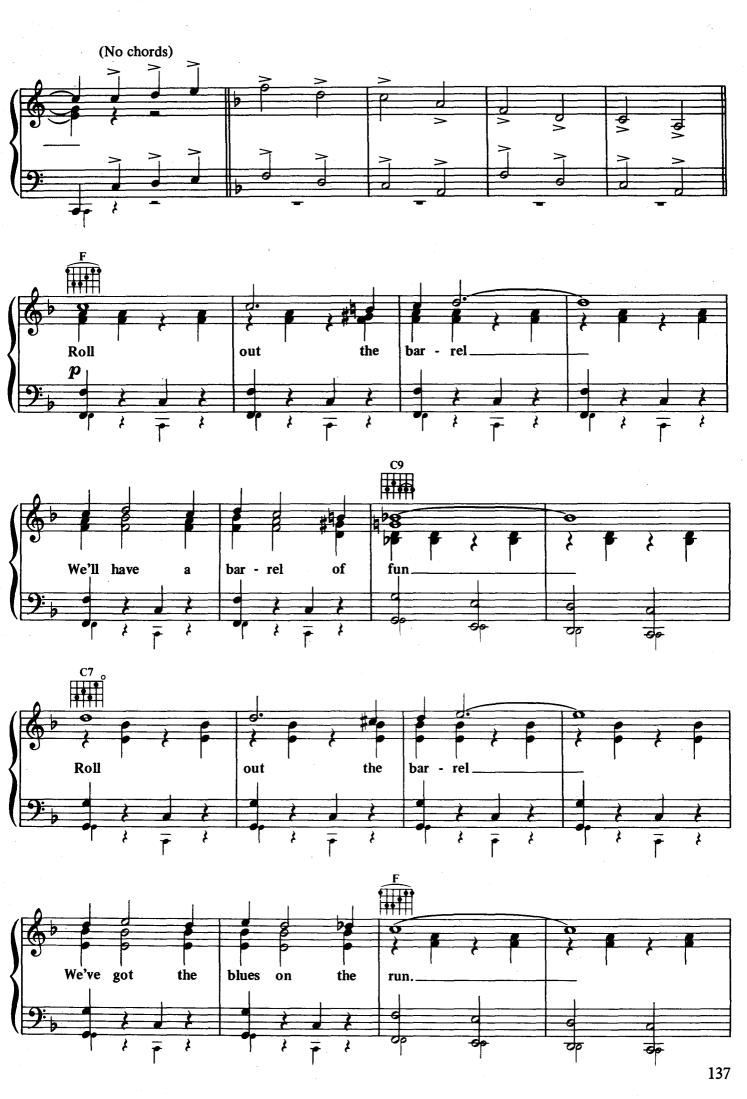
Translated from Czech, this song's original title was *Unrequited Love*, hardly suitable for the merriest, most popular polka of all time. But in 1940, the American labels for a German recording carried the present title. At that time, any mention of alcohol on radio was taboo, but the juke-box business had begun to roll, and in no time at all the song could be heard from every box in the land. The Andrews Sisters made a hit record of the song, which later helped to cheer up the British people during the dark days of the Second World War.

By: Lew Brown,
Wladimir A. Timm,
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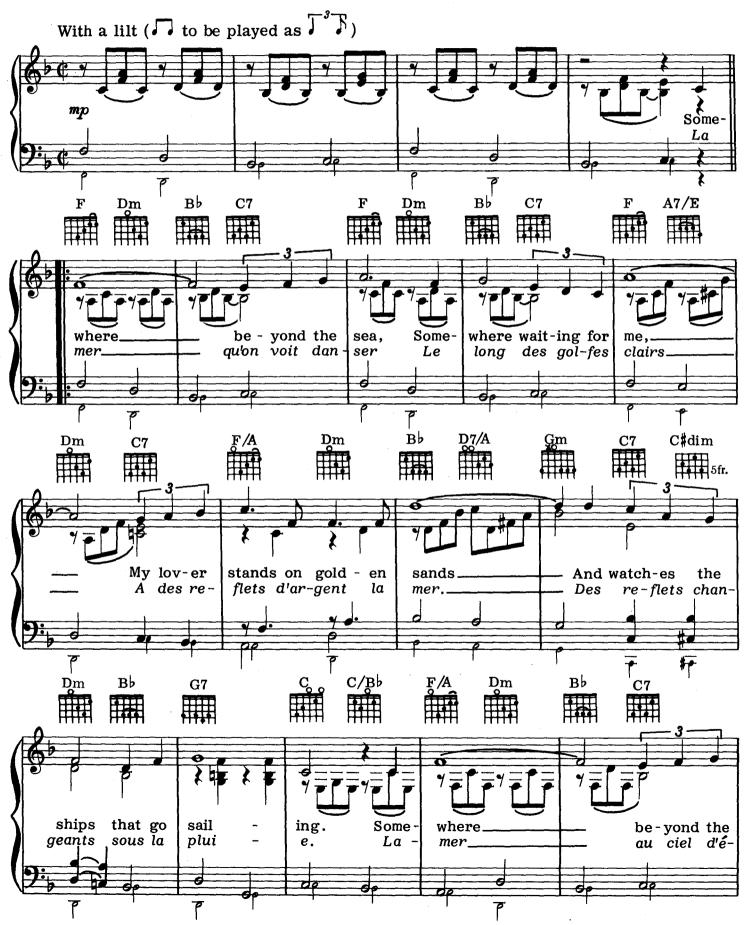


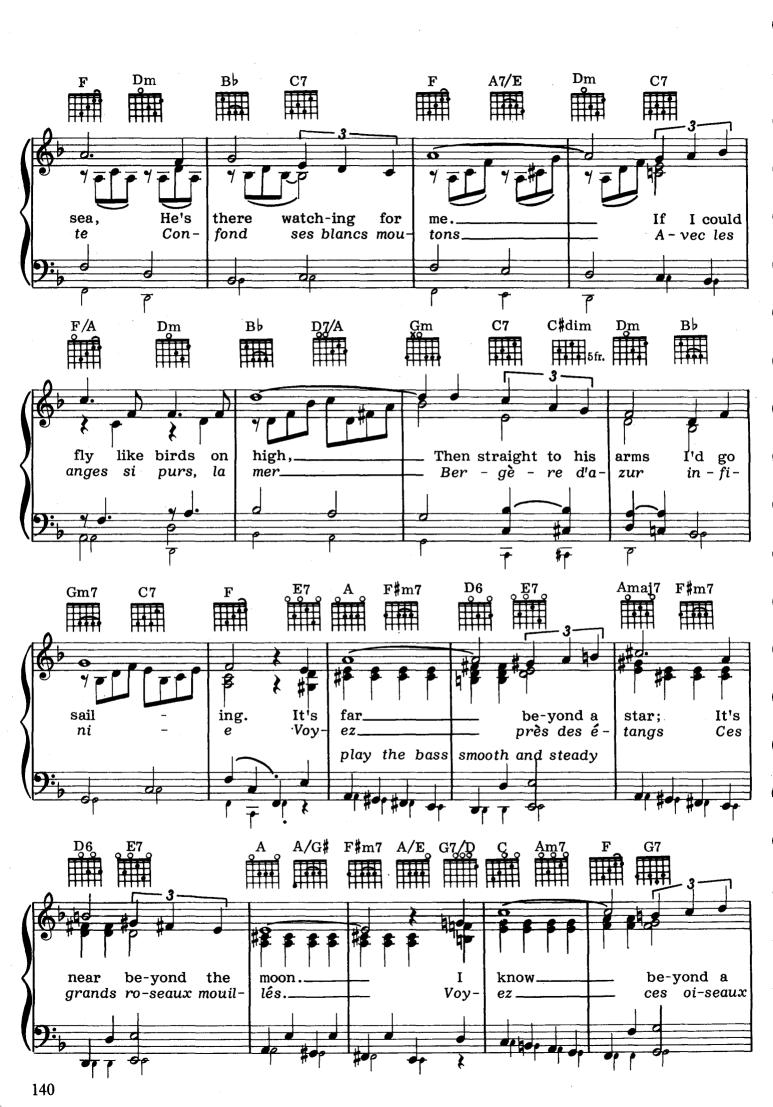


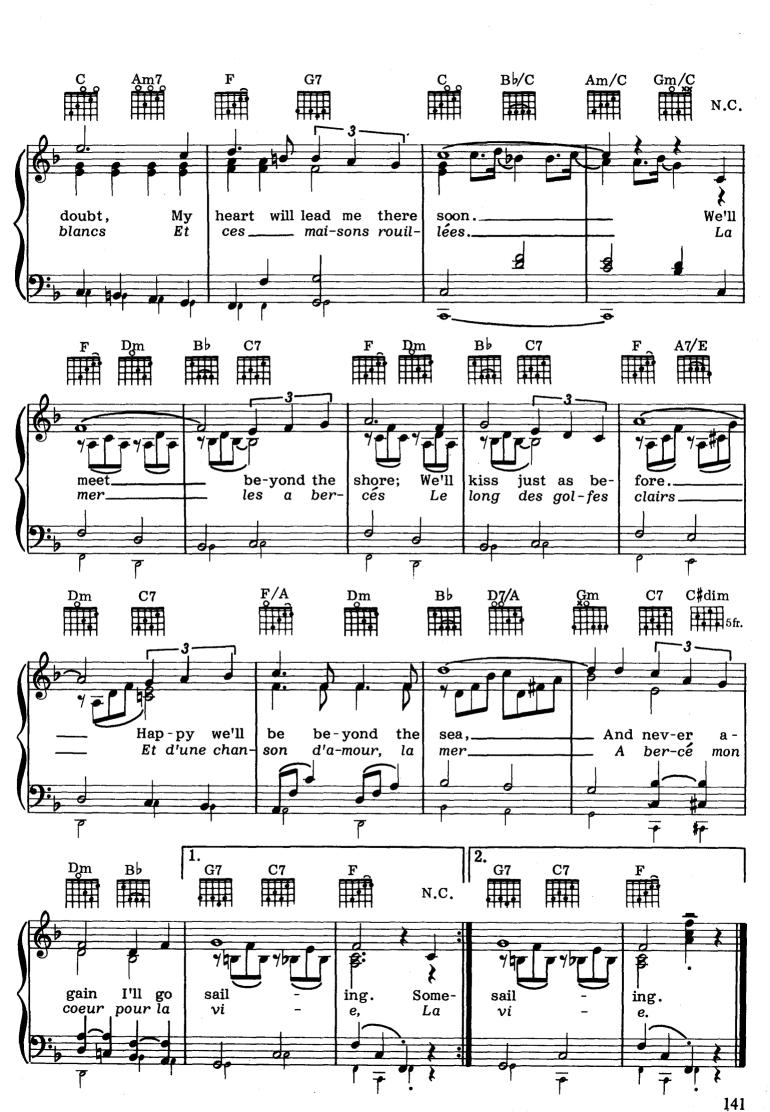


Beyond the Sea (La Mer)

French words and Music by Charles Trenet English words by Jack Lawrence During the 1930s and 1940s, Charles Trenet, probably France's most popular singer and entertainer next to Maurice Chevalier, was also the most prolific of French songwriters. His surging La Mer, written in 1945, contains many Debussy-like suggestions of Impressionism. Jack Lawrence wrote English lyrics for it in 1947, and in 1960 Bobby Darin's recording of Beyond the Sea sold a million copies.



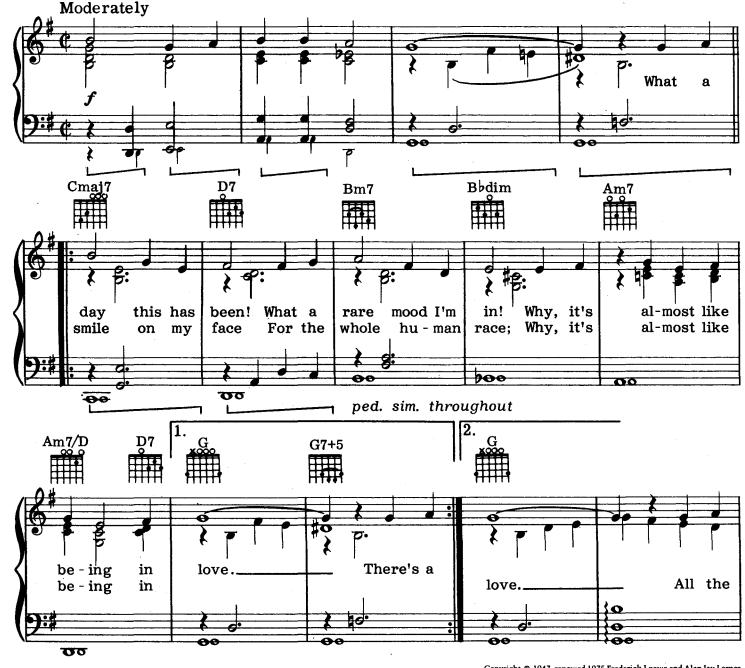


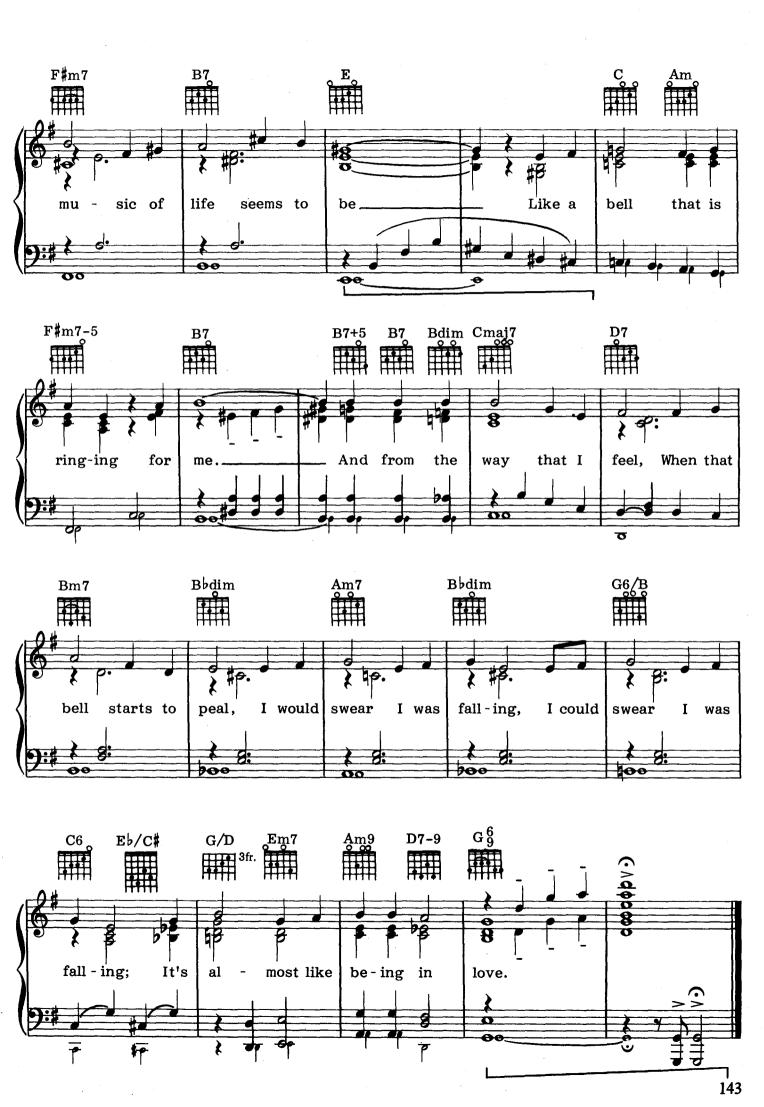


Words by Alan Jay Lerner; Music by Frederick Loewe As a team, lyricist Alan Jay Lerner and composer Frederick Loewe scored their first compowed assigned to me, There But for You Go I and the nowed last in the Reing in I are The last power last in the Reing in I are The last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the last power last in the Reing in I are the Re

As a team, lyricist Alan Jay Lerner and composer Frederick Loewe scored their first commercial success in 1947, with Brigadoon – preceding Paint Your Wagon, My Fair Lady and Camelot. This charming fantasy of a Scottish village that wakens out of the mists for one day every hundred years proved the pair to be worthy of Broadway and gave the world such lovely music as The Heather on the Hill, Come to

me, Bend to me, There But for You Go I and the now-classic Almost Like Being in Love. The last lyrical number is sung in the show by the American hero Tommy Albright, who falls in love with a lass from Brigadoon – and, in a happy ending, remains with his love in the sleeping village. Philip Hanna sang this exhilarating song in 1949 in the highly successful London production at His Majesty's Theatre.



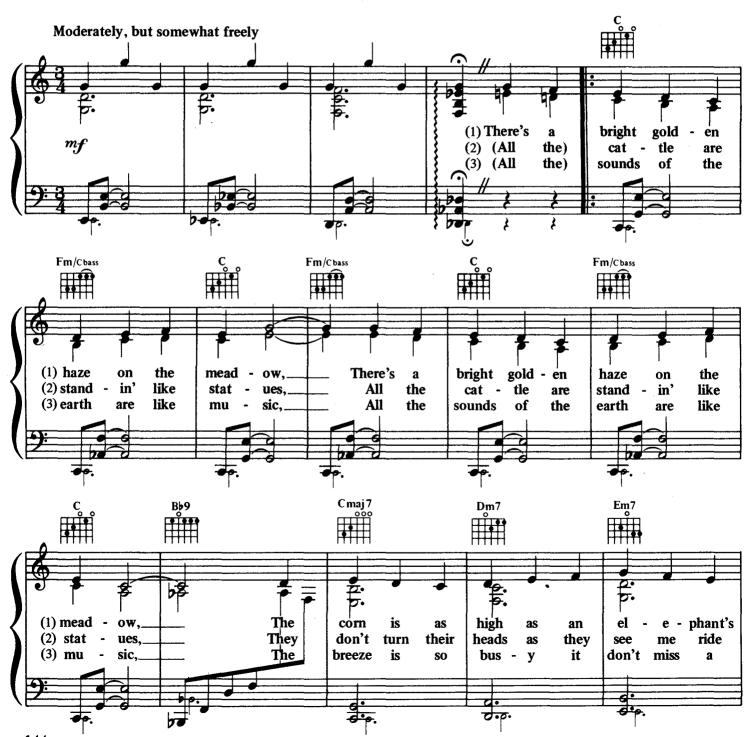


Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'



No Broadway musical had ever started with a stage empty of people except for one old woman churning butter. But then, until Oklahoma! came along in 1943, no musical had ever started with a song like Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin', which the hero, Curly, begins from offstage. Its warmth and sheer delight in the glories of nature on a fine day waltzed each evening's show off to a magical beginning for five years and nine weeks. Hammerstein worked for three weeks on the lyric to create 'an atmosphere of relaxation and tenderness'. Rodgers, on the other hand, dashed off the melody in about ten minutes. No matter; the effect was perfection.

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II Music by Richard Rodgers





1 Don't Want to Set the World on Fire

Words and Music by Eddie Seiler, Sol Marcus, Bennie Benjamin and Eddie Durham

Bennie Benjamin, one of the four writers of *I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire*, conceived of the song as a lively number when it was written in 1940. At about the same time, Harlan Leonard's Kansas City Rockets seemed to be filling the void left by Count Basie after the Basie band left Kansas City for the greener pastures of New York. The Rockets recorded the song in 1940, but both the record and the song flopped. For a while it seemed that this musical spitfire would go nowhere. Then The Ink Spots came into the picture. First, they slowed down the tempo. Next, they recorded it in 1941, employing their gentle, laid-back style. Much to Bennie Benjamin's surprise – pleasant surprise, that is – the ballad tempo proved just right, and the song became a classic. Another Benjamin hit of this period was When the Lights Go On Again (All Over the World). He later teamed up with George David Weiss to form one of the most successful collaborations of the late 1940s, producing such winners as Rumours Are Flying and I Don't See Me in Your Eyes Anymore.



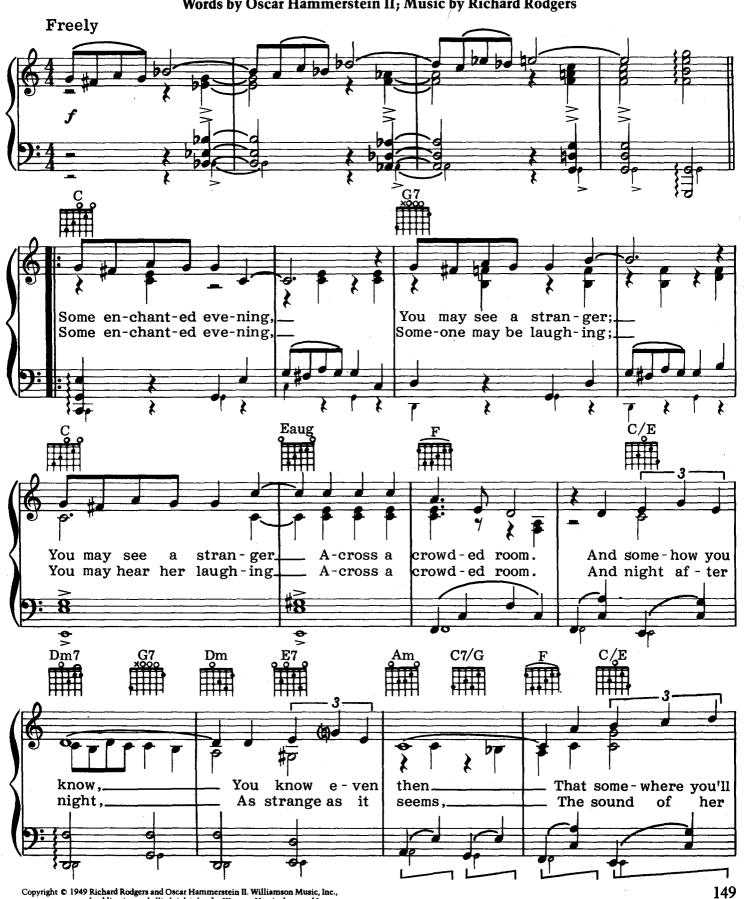


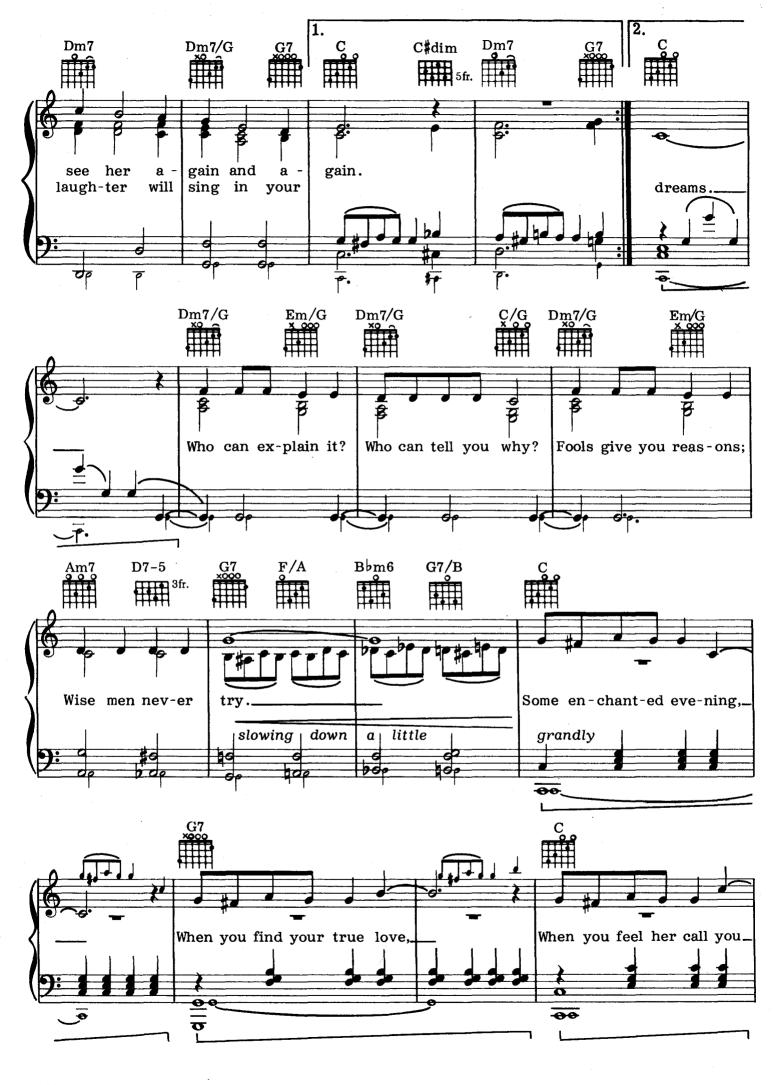


Enchanted \$ Evening

South Pacific, Rodgers' and Hammerstein's 1949 musical, was based on some of James Michener's Tales of the South Pacific. The show's on some of James Michener's Tales of the South Pacific. The show's hero was a middle-aged French planter, Emile de Becque, played by 57-year-old Metropolitan Opera star Ezio Pinza. It is with Some Enchanted Evening that de Becque proclaims his love-at-first-sight for US Navy Ensign Nellie Forbush. Nellie at first resists de Becque's impassioned pleas, singing I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair, but it is not long before she is joyfully singing I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy. The musical opened in London in 1951 - with Wilbur Evans proclaiming his love to Broadway singing star Mary Martin.

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II; Music by Richard Rodgers

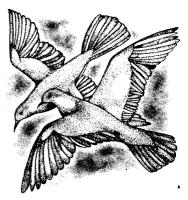






Tenderly

American pianist, the late Walter Gross wrote just one immortal hit. Most of the singers he accompanied in the 1940s were familiar with Walter's melody, but it remained untitled and unsung until the singer Margaret Whiting introduced him to lyricist Jack Lawrence. Lawrence recalls that Gross was reluctant to accept his title, feeling it sounded like directions to a performer. Today, when someone suggests, play Tenderly, it is this song they have in mind.



Words by: Jack Lawrence Music by: Walter Gross







Blueberry Hill was the product of three of the more successful hands in Tin Pan Alley – Vincent Rose, who also wrote Avalon, Whispering, and Linger Awhile; Al Lewis, writer of The Breeze, Now's the Time to Fall in Love, and Rose O'Day; and Larry Stock, who composed You're Nobody Till Somebody Loves You and You Won't Be Satisfied. They wrote Blueberry Hill for the cowboy film star Gene Autry to sing in the 1941 film The Singing Hills. But it was Glen Miller's recording with a vocal by Ray Eberle that put the song in the Hit Parade that year. In 1949 it was picked up by Louis Armstrong when he was reviving his jazz career with The All-Stars. Blueberry Hill did it for him then, and even after Fats Domino gave the song a third revival in 1957, Armstrong continued to rely on it as a big vocal and trumpet number until his death in 1971. Elvis Presley also had a hit record with the song.

Words and music by Al Lewis, Larry Stock, and Vincent Rose



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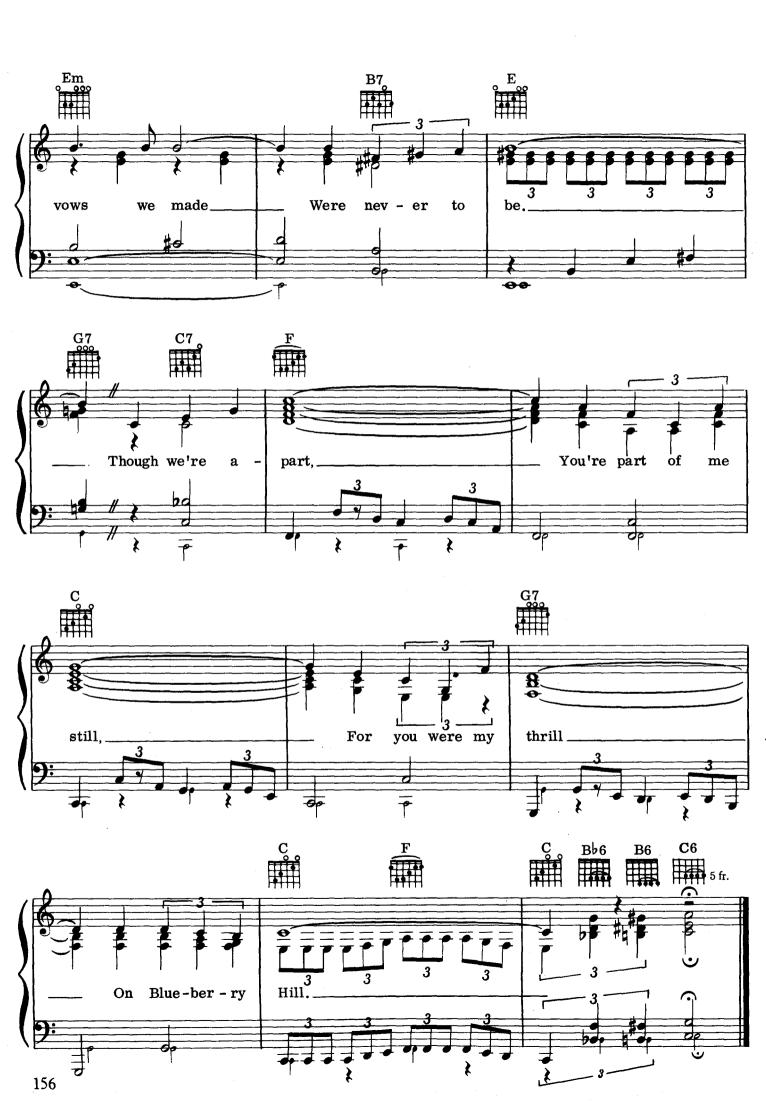
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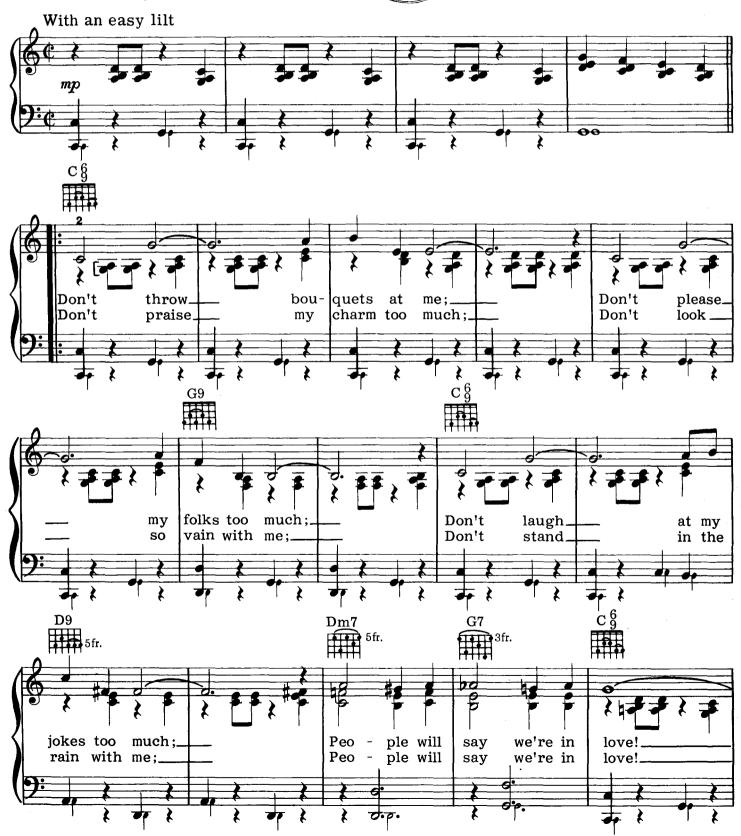
PEOPLE WILL SAY WE'RE IN LOVE

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II

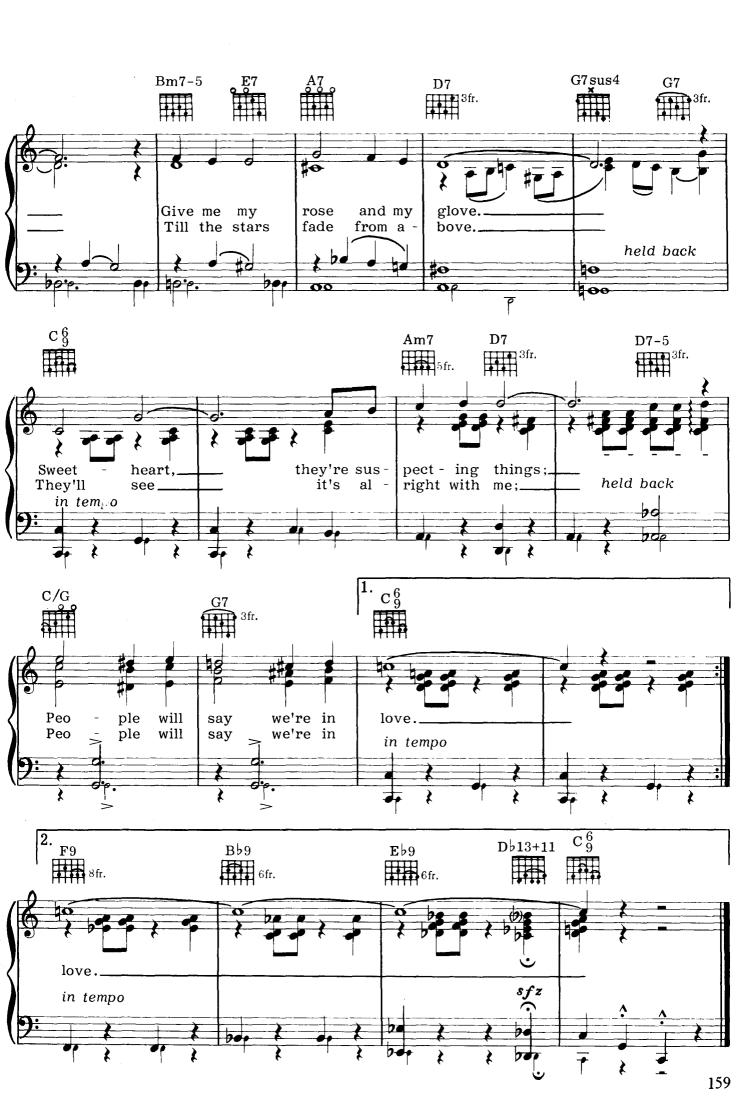
Music by Richard Rodgers



Oklahoma! (1943) was the first collaboration of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Besides the title song, Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' and The Surrey with the Fringe on Top, the team produced People Will Say We're In Love, in which the young lovers, Curly and Laurey, warn each other against any sign of affection. When Oklahoma! opened at London's Drury Lane Theatre in 1947, Curly and Laurey were played by Howard Keel – then known as 'Harold Keel' – and Betty Jane Watson.





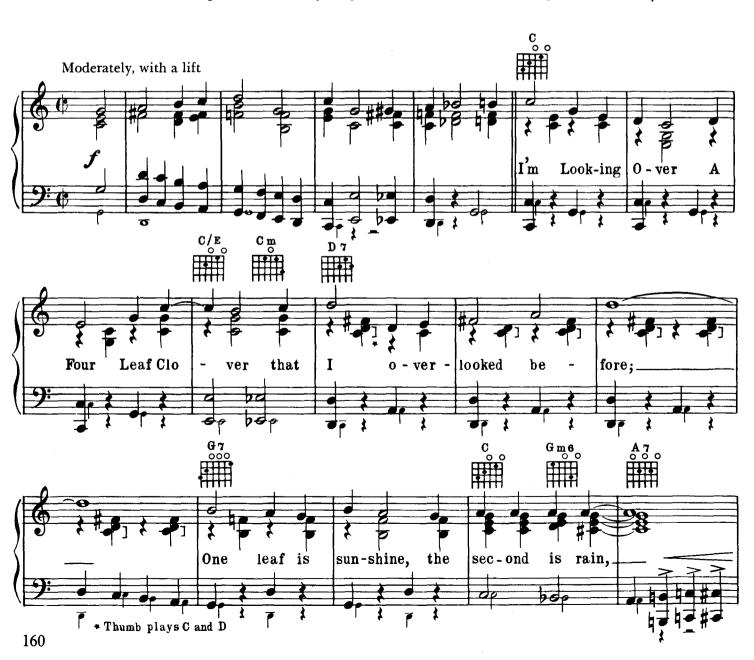


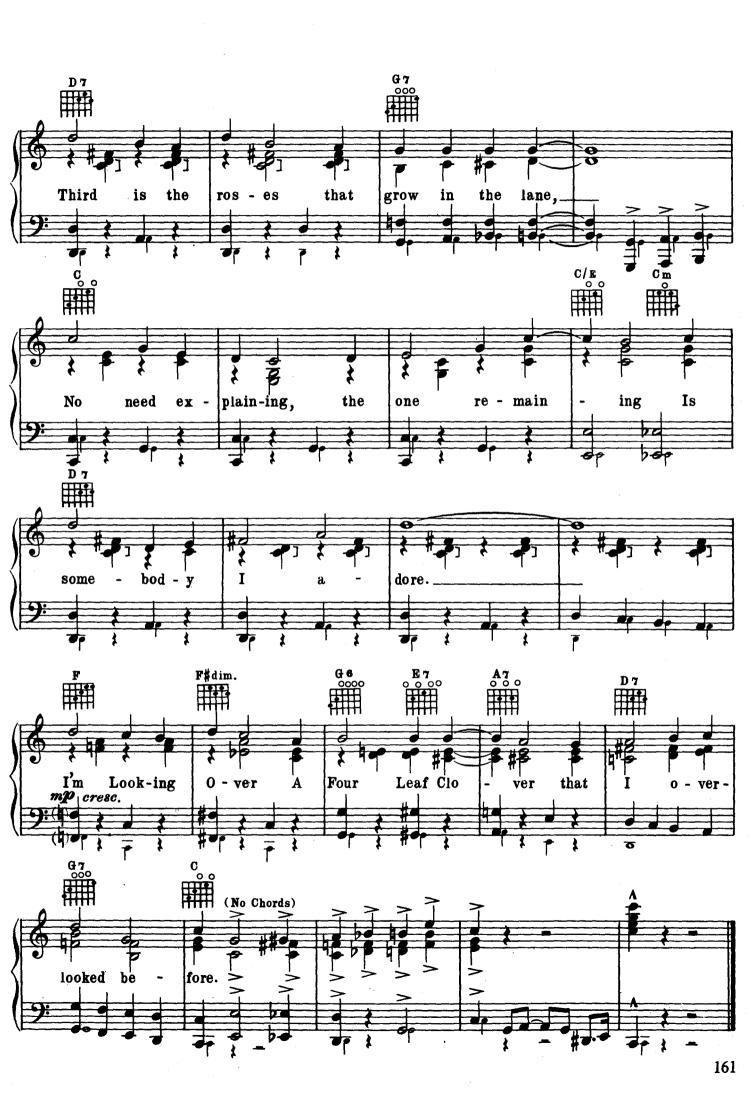
I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover

Written in 1927, this song was overlooked until 1948, the year bandleader Art
Mooney recorded it. When through a whim American disc jockey Al Collins

Words by Mort Dixon Mooney recorded it. When, through a whim, American disc jockey Al Collins decided to play it continuously one afternoon over a Salt Lake City radio station, the event generated enough front-page publicity throughout the United States to boost both the record and sheet-music sales to best-seller status. In the 1949 film *Jolson Sings Again* — which tells of the entertainer's life after the break-up of his first marriage — it was mimed by Larry Parks to the off-screen voice of Al Jolson.

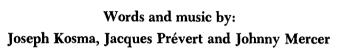
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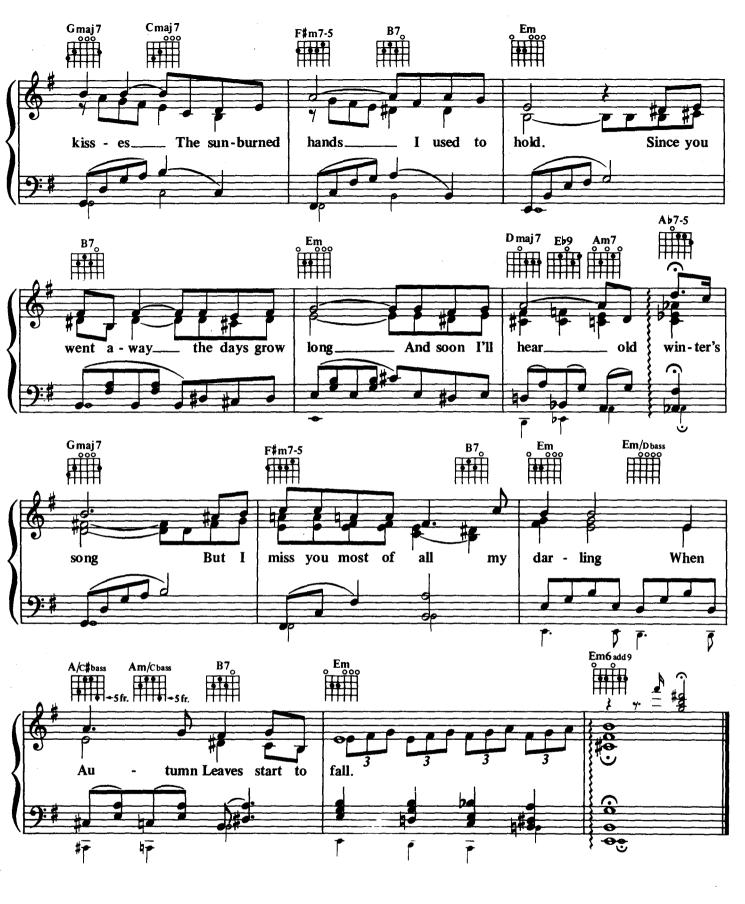
Autumn Leaves

This lovely, mood-inspiring song began as a French poem, Les Feuilles Mortes ('The Dead Leaves'), by Jacques Prévert. It was set to music by Hungarianborn Joseph Kosma and became a favourite among the more sophisticated French café singers after the Second World War. Johnny Mercer, one of America's most prolific lyricists, was also a busy recording executive and singer, but he loved the song and agreed to write the English lyrics. Then he became preoccupied with other matters. Reminded of his commitment, he hurriedly scribbled the lyrics in a cab on his way to catch a plane, stopping off to slip them under the publisher's door. The song really hit its stride, however, in 1955 when Roger Williams recorded a piano version of it which sold $2\frac{1}{2}$ million copies.











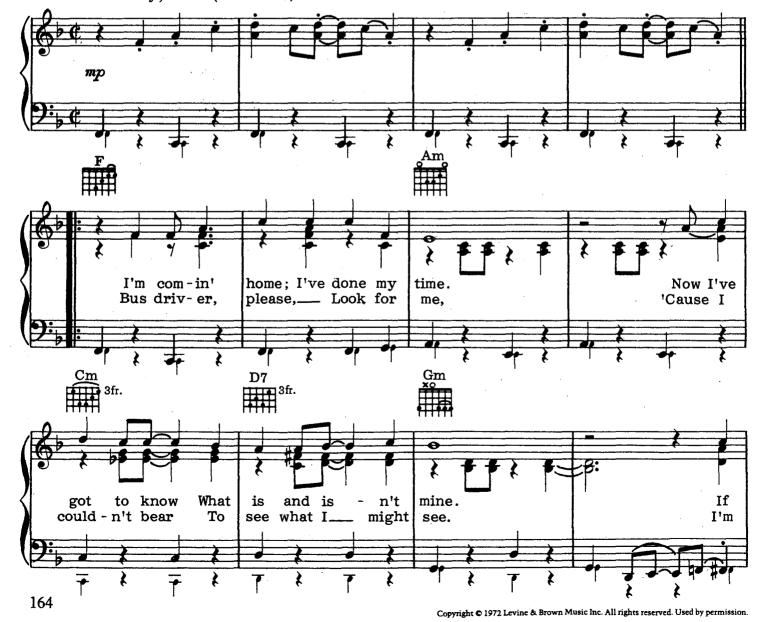
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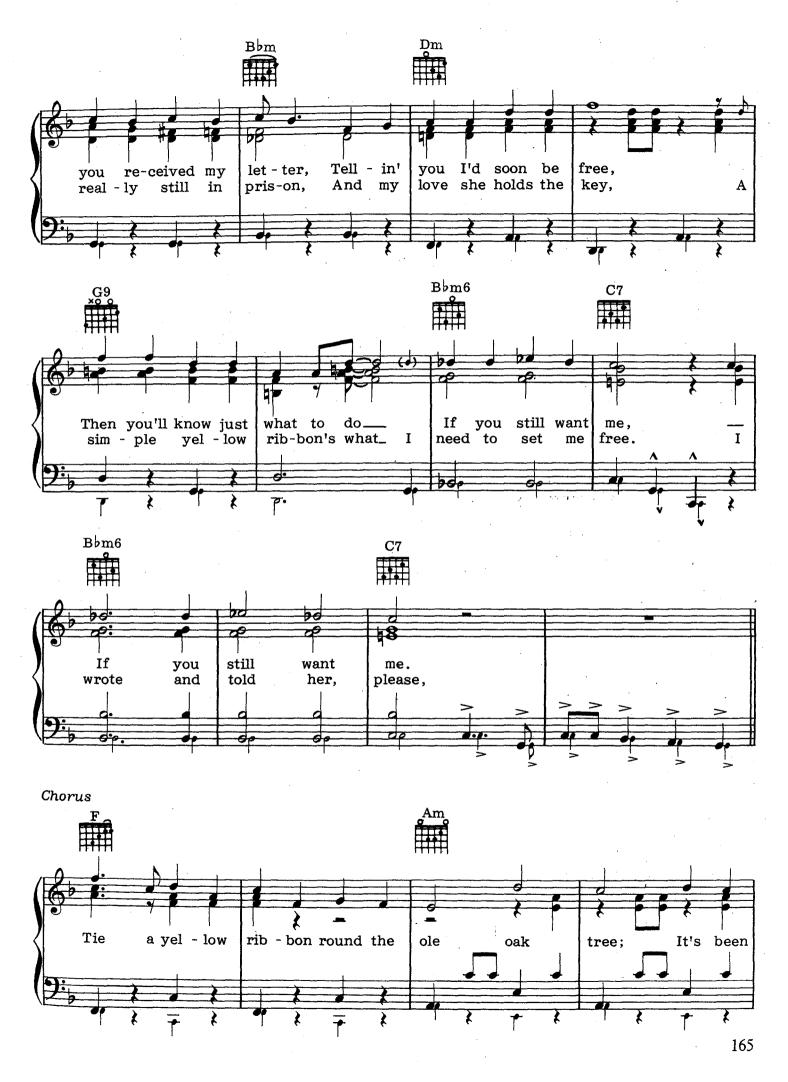
Does the tale of an ex-convict riding a bus back to his home town after three years in prison seem an improbable subject for a hit song? It does? Well, just add the suspense of learning whether he'll find a yellow ribbon tied around the old oak tree – a sign that his love has waited for him – and you have got the most popular

recorded song of 1973 (the recording by Tony Orlando and Dawn sold $5\frac{1}{2}$ million copies alone). Since then, over 400 recordings – most notably, one by the British pop star Tom Jones – have been made of the song which became the American theme of hope during the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979–81.

Words and Music by Irwin Levine and L. Russell Brown

Moderately, in 2 (J=1 beat)









Send In the Clowns

Words and Music by Stephen Sondheim

Slowly, in 2 (J=1 beat)

Stephen Sondheim's 1973 musical A Little Night Music, an adaptation of Ingmar Bergman's film Smiles of a Summer Night, deals with a subject more suited to operetta than to the Broadway stage. Yet Sondheim's score is far from the sugary world of Sigmund Romberg or Rudolf Friml, and one song is hauntingly beautiful. Send In the Clowns, sung in the show by Glynis Johns, became an instant classic in the way that songs from musicals used to but seldom do anymore. It is a favourite of many performers, including Judy Collins and Sarah Vaughan.

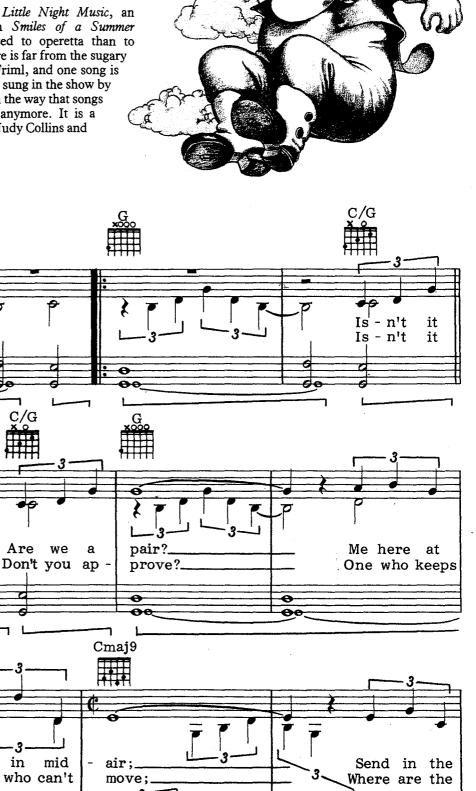
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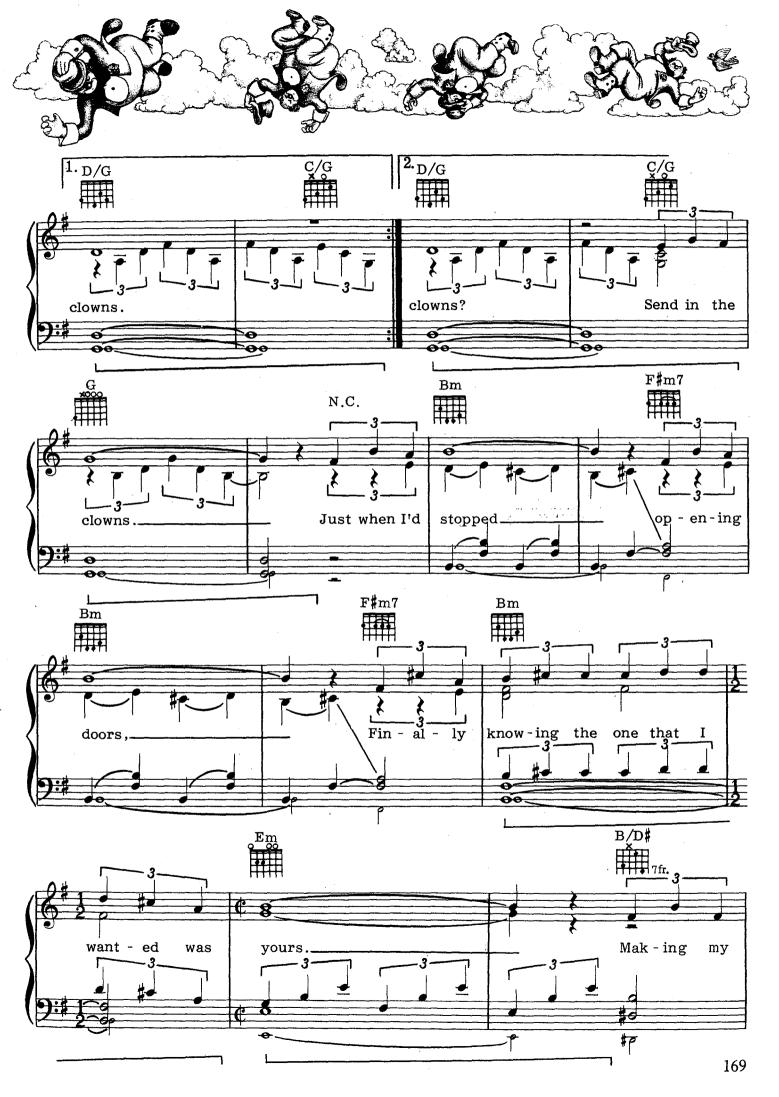


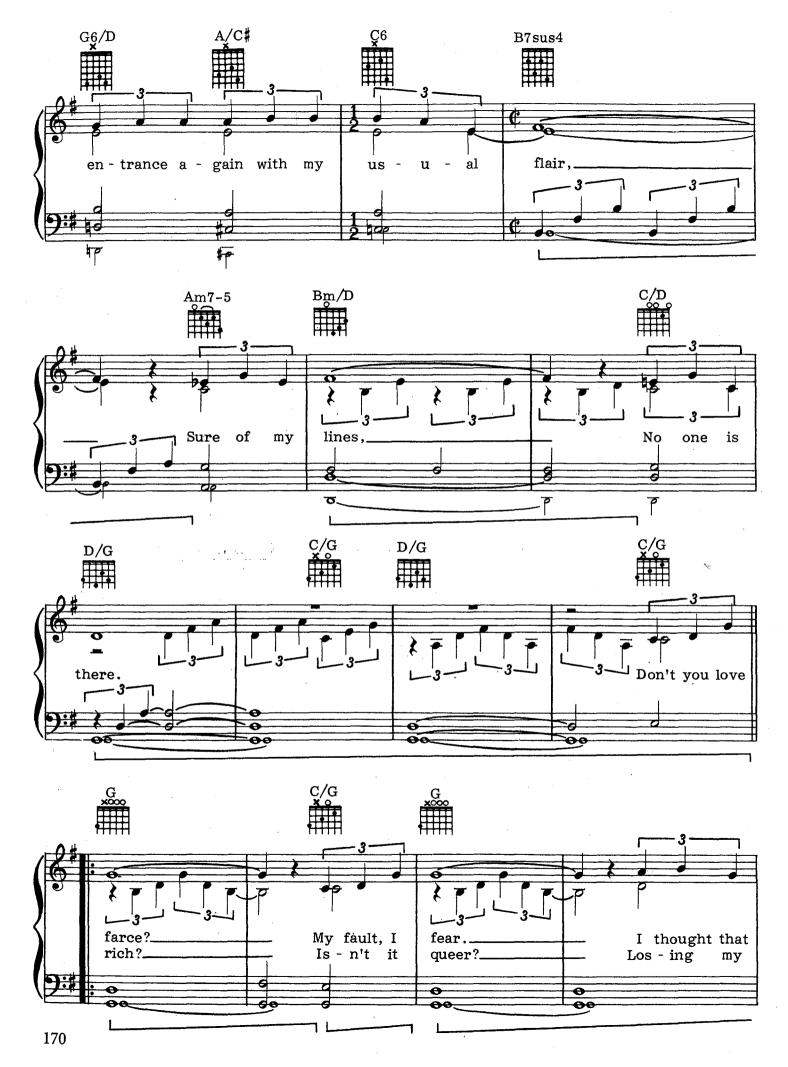
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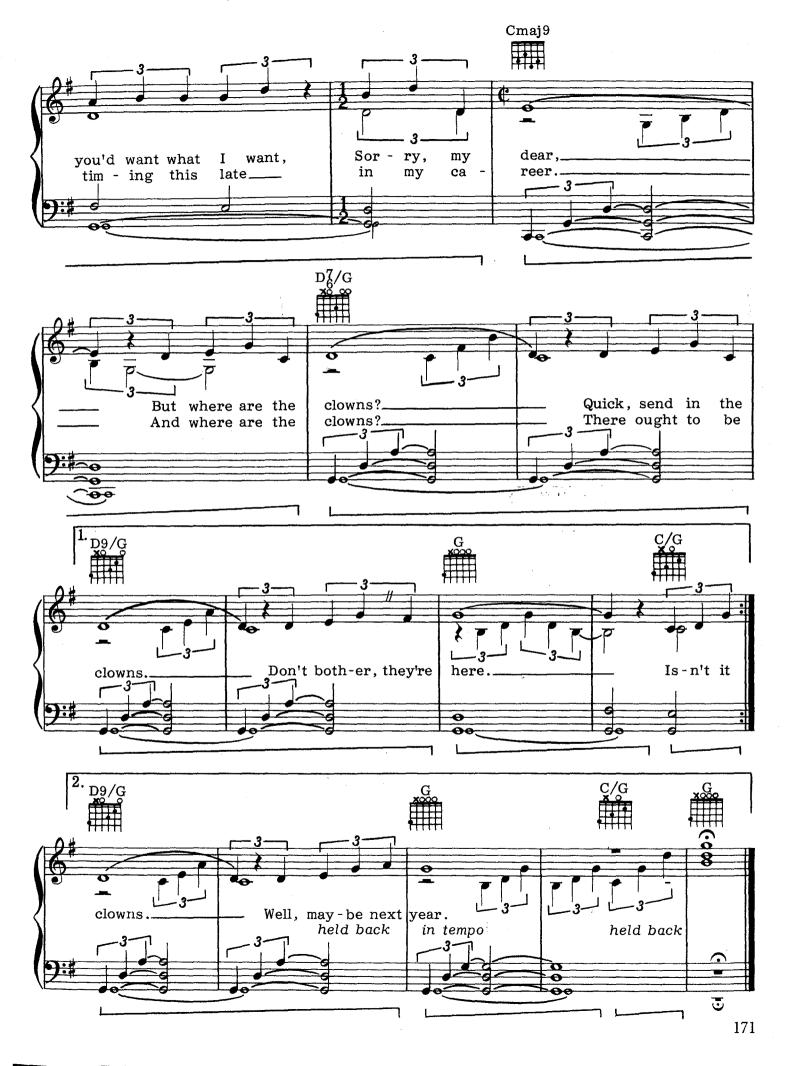
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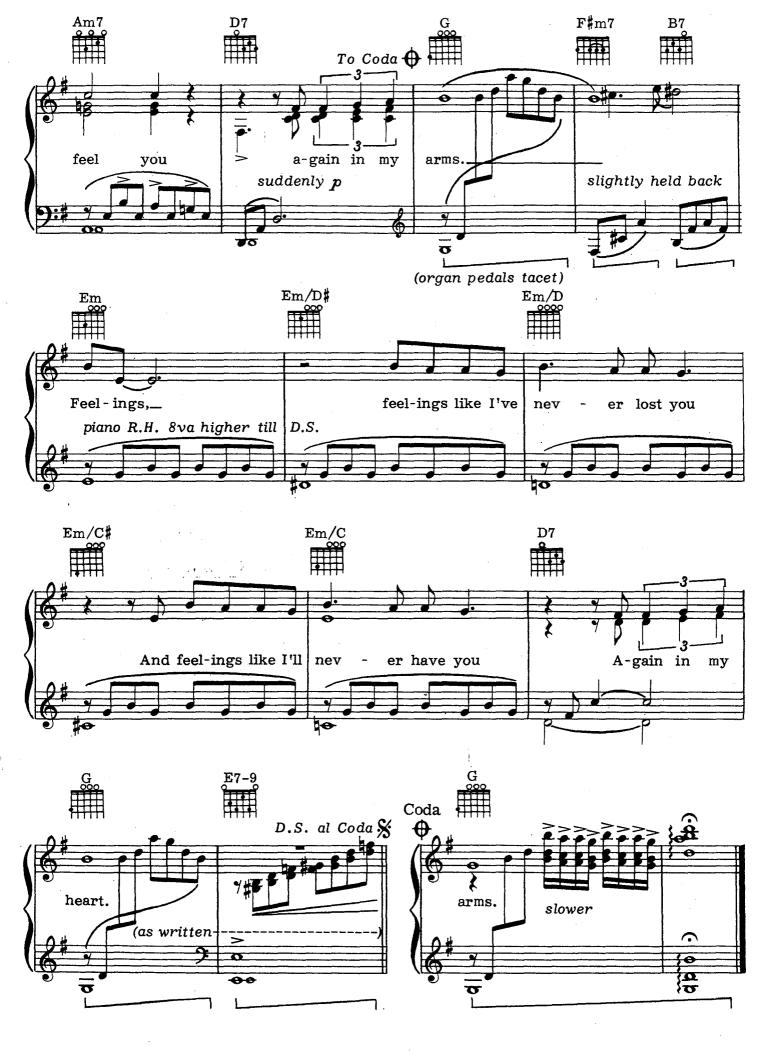
Along with Send In the Clowns, Feelings, a remarkable one-shot hit by a Brazilian singer and songwriter with a very un-Brazilian name, Morris Albert, was one of the most widely requested songs of the 1970s. Albert once thought that he would like to become a caravia



('beach bum' in Portuguese). But when his own recording of Feelings became a No. 1 hit in 1975, first in Mexico and then around the world, he became an international singing star instead. In Britain the entertainer Des O'Connor has had most success with the song.









(Et Maintenant)

Gilbert Bécaud is among those great European chansonniers (Jacques Brel, Charles Trenet, and Charles Aznavour are others) whose careers as songwriters and as singers have been happily in harness. Bécaud has written more than 700 songs and an opera, L'Opéra d'Aran, that ran for 100 performances in Paris, an achievement more to be expected of a musical comedy than an opera. In 1962 Bécaud wrote and introduced a song called Et Maintenant. When Jane Morgan, an American singer who had spent several years in Paris, returned to the United States that year, she brought with her Et Maintenant which, with English lyrics by Carl Sigman, became What Now My Love. The song helped to reintroduce Miss Morgan to American audiences, establishing her as a bilingual singer (she sang both French and English versions), and provided first, Herb Alpert and The Tijuana Brass, then Sonny and Cher, with one of their most successful hits.

Original French words by Pierre Delanoe, English words by Carl Sigman, Music by Gilbert Bécaud







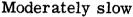
Charmaine

Words and Music by Erno Rapée and Lew Pollack



A sweet-scented breath of loveliness from the 1920s, Charmaine was written by Erno Rapée and Lew Pollack as accompaniment for the classic silent film What Price Glory, starring Victor McLaglen, Edmund Lowe and Dolores Del Rio. Theatre pit orchestras, mighty Wurlitzer organs and countless honky-tonk pianos played it wherever the film was shown, while contented audiences hummed and whistled it. Later, during the Second World War, Harry James and his orchestra played it in the film Two Girls and a Sailor, and in 1951 it rose to even greater heights thanks to the shimmering strings of Mantovani's best-selling record.

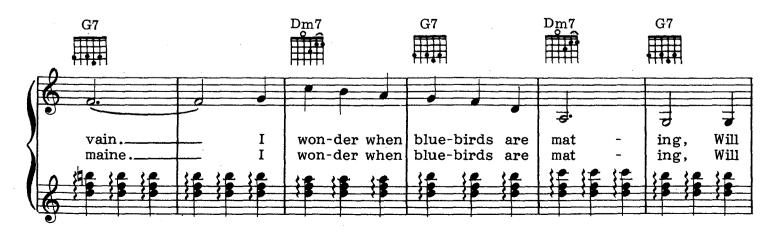


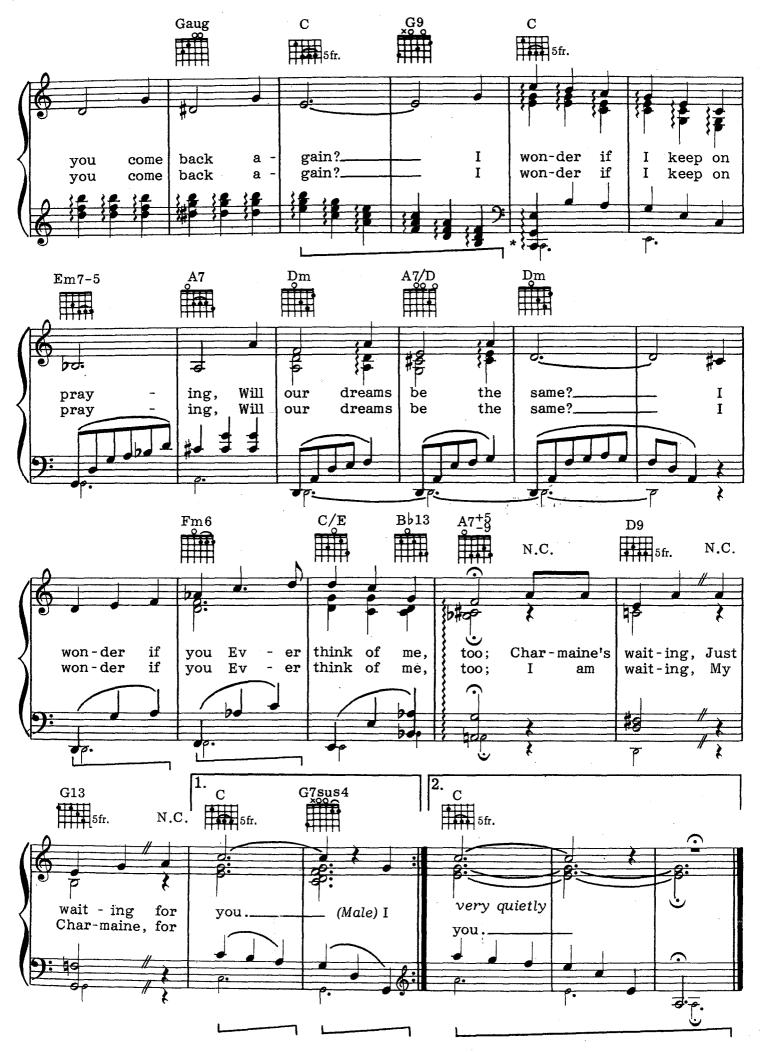




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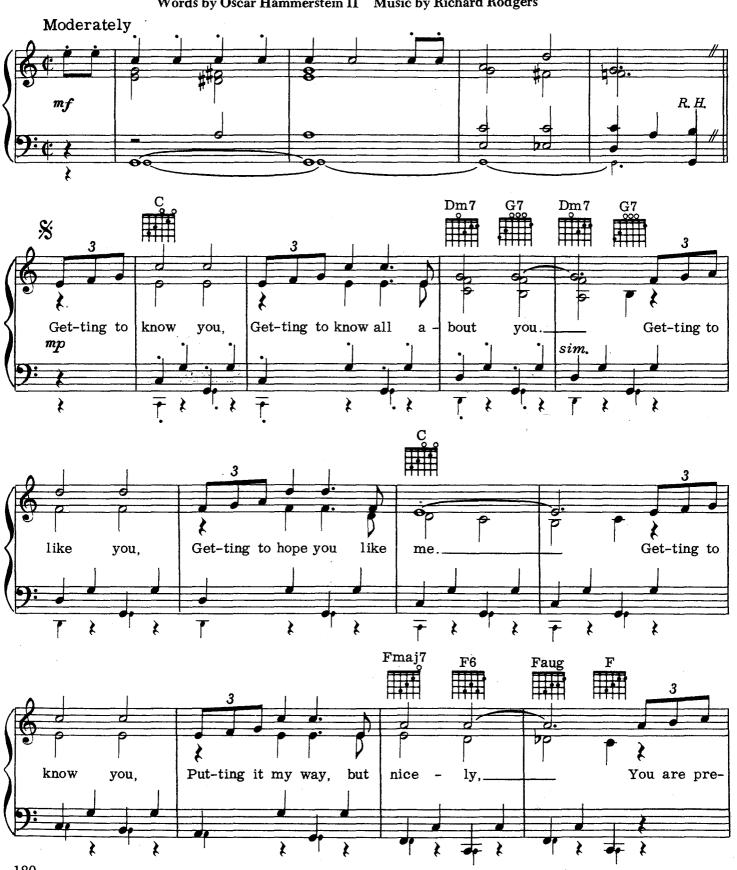




Getting To Know You

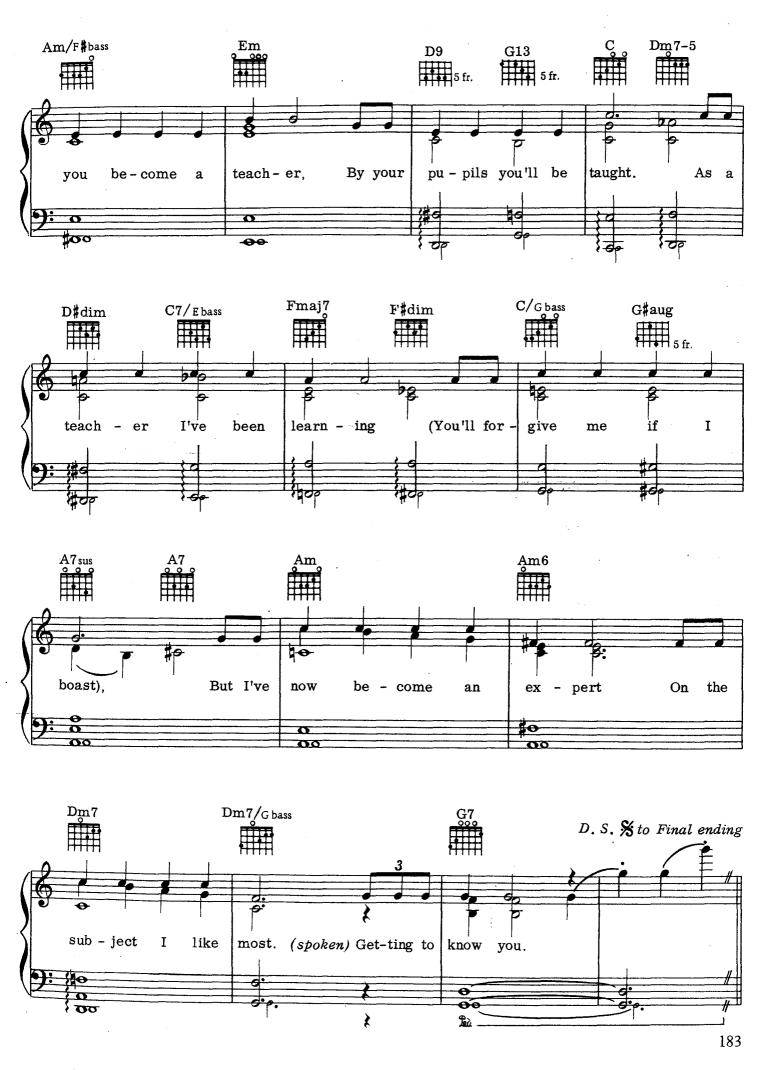
By 1951, when Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein wrote The King and I, they had acquired that songwriters' treasure trove, a 'trunk' full of discarded songs that could be pulled out to cover emergencies. One of these songs was a melody Rodgers had written for South Pacific that had been replaced by Younger Than Springtime. During the tryout of The King and I, Gertrude Lawrence, who played the 'I', governess Anna Leonowens, felt that the first act could use a song involving herself and the king's children. Hammerstein wrote new lyrics to order, Getting To Know You. Rodgers had only to reach into his 'trunk' and pull out this melody. The King and I opened on Broadway in 1951 with Yul Brynner as the king. Brynner has since made the part his own, appearing in the 1956 film version and also in a stage revival at the London Palladium in 1979.

Music by Richard Rodgers Words by Oscar Hammerstein II









Put On a Happy Face

There was once a most ill-tempered man who was persuaded by his neighbours to wear a mask with a smile on it. He wore the mask for so long that when it accidentally broke, the townspeople discovered that the man was smiling all by himself. That same message, more or less, is the good advice of *Put On a Happy Face*, a song from the frantically paced

1960 Broadway musical Bye Bye Birdie, which made stars of Dick Van Dyke, Chita Rivera and Paul Lynde, while it good-heartedly spoofed the whole rock-and-roll era and the cult of Youth for Youth's Sake. The musical opened in London a year later, with Marty Wilde as the rock star who is conscripted into the US army.

Words by Lee Adams

Music by Charles Strouse





Puff (The Magic Dragon)

Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul and Mary, shares one-half the credit for writing this gossamer fable and one-third for making it one of the musical delights of 1963. 'Puff' remains a special favourite of children, who love following the antics of Puff and Jackie Paper - and their elders delight in seeking hidden meanings in the couple's fantastic adventures.





Together they would travel on a boat with billowed sail. Jackie kept a lookout perched on Puff's gigantic tail, Noble kings and princes would bow whene'er they came, Pirate ships would low'r their flag when Puff roared out his name. Oh! (Chorus)

A dragon lives forever but not so little boys,
Painted wings and giant rings make way for other toys.
One gray night it happened, Jackie Paper came no more
And Puff that mighty dragon,
he ceased his fearless roar. Oh! (Chorus)

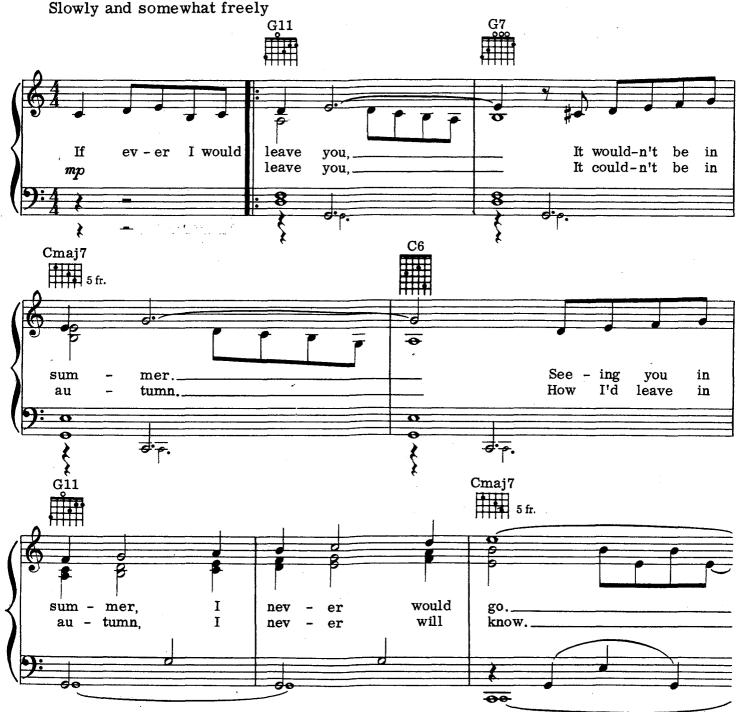
His head was bent in sorrow, green scales fell like rain.
Puff no longer went to play along the cherry lane.
Without his lifelong friend, Puff could not be brave
So Puff that mighty dragon,
sadly slipped into his cave. Oh! (Chorus)

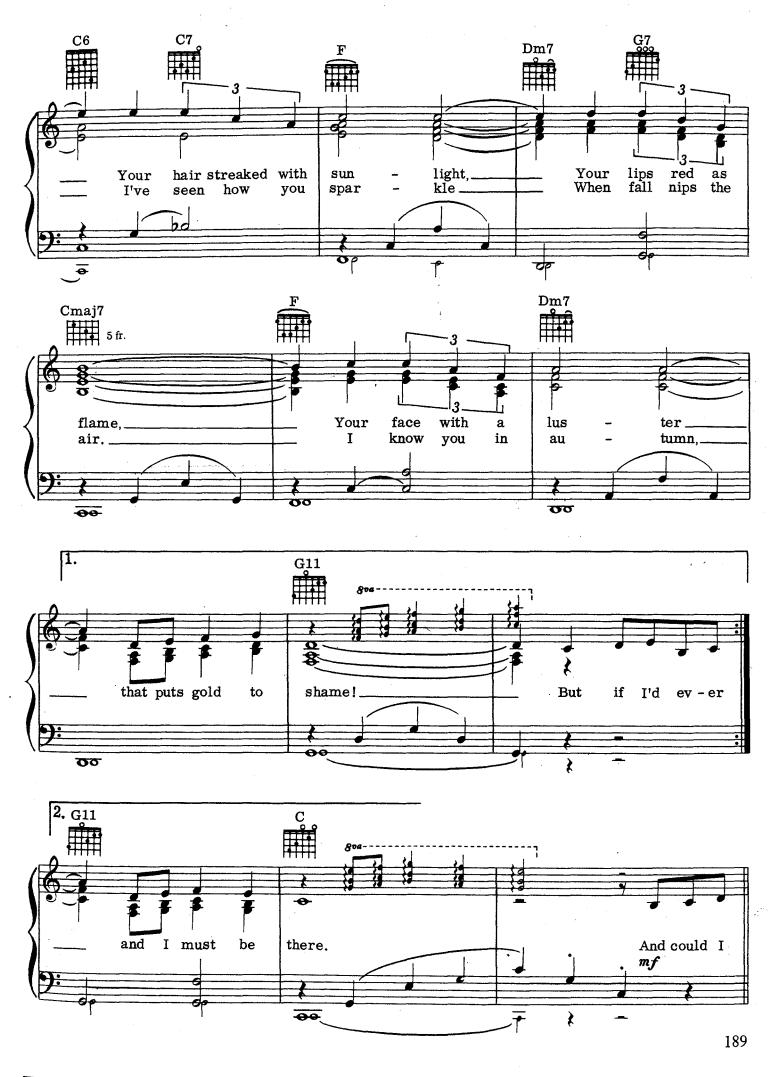


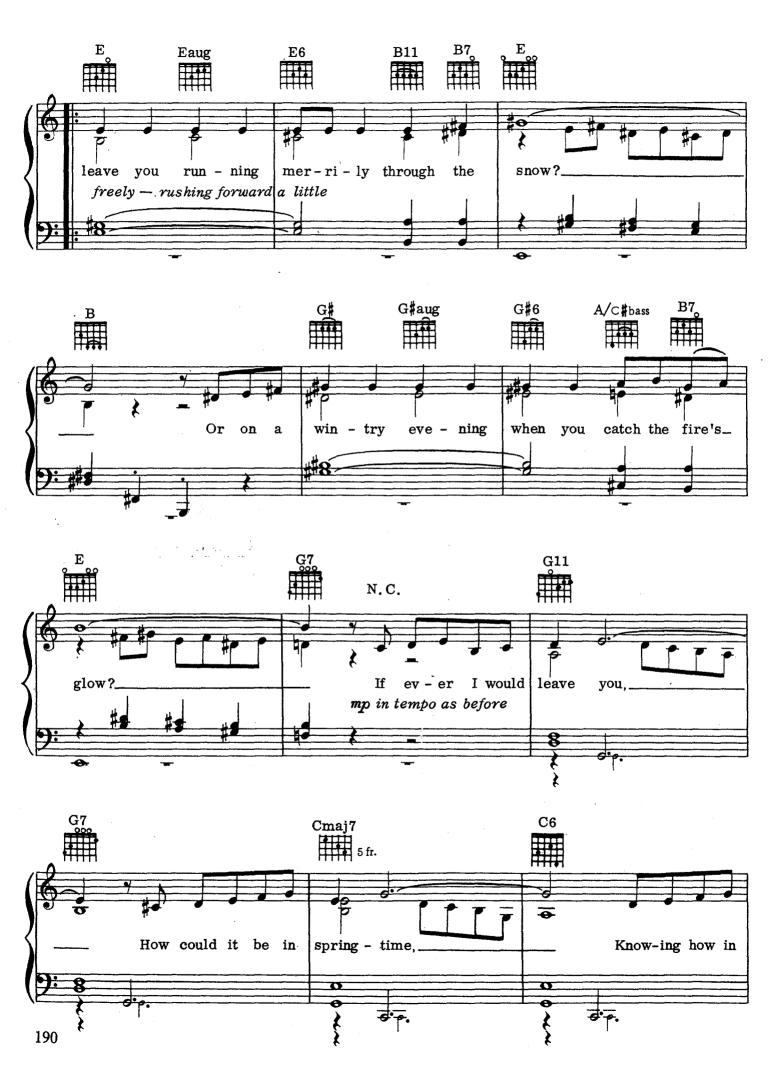
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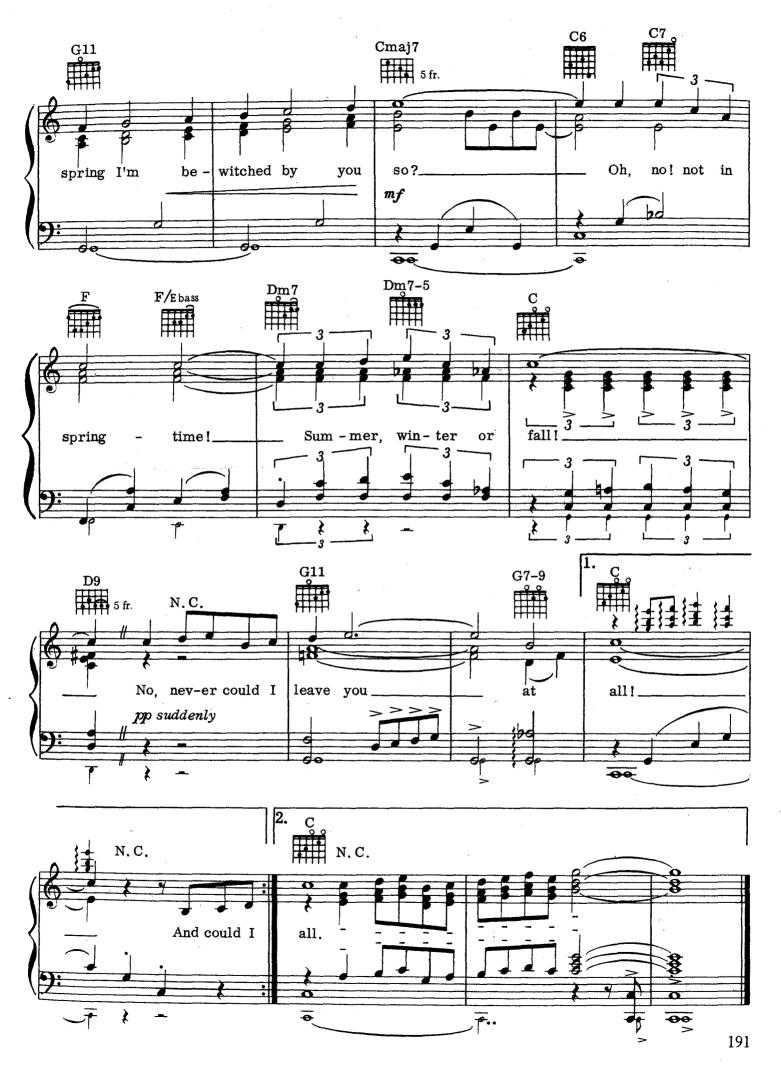
Words by Alan Jay Lerner; Music by Frederick Loewe

Camelot is Alan Jay Lerner's and Frederick Loewe's 1960 musical retelling of the legendary King Arthur-Queen Guinevere-Sir Lancelot romantic triangle. In the original production, it was Julie Andrews who had to make the difficult choice between Richard Burton, as Arthur, and Robert Goulet, as Lancelot – though her final choice of Lancelot seemed almost inevitable after he sang the ardent and poetic If Ever I Would Leave You. Barry Kent sang the number when the show opened in 1964 in London's Drury Lane Theatre, and Robert Meadmore sang it at the Apollo Victoria when Cameloi returned to London in 1982.









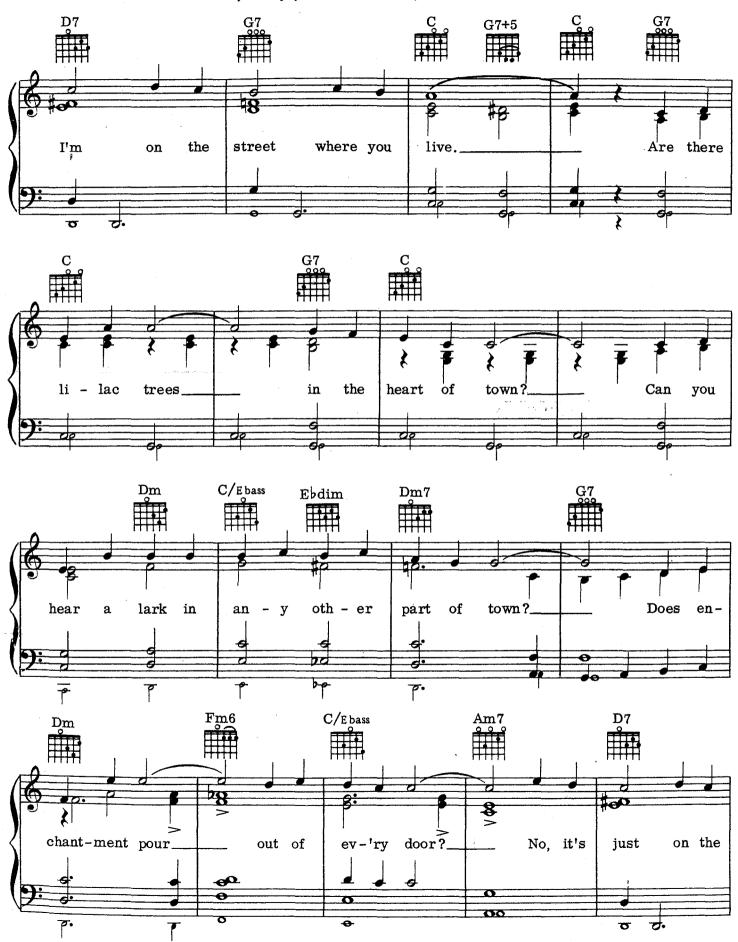
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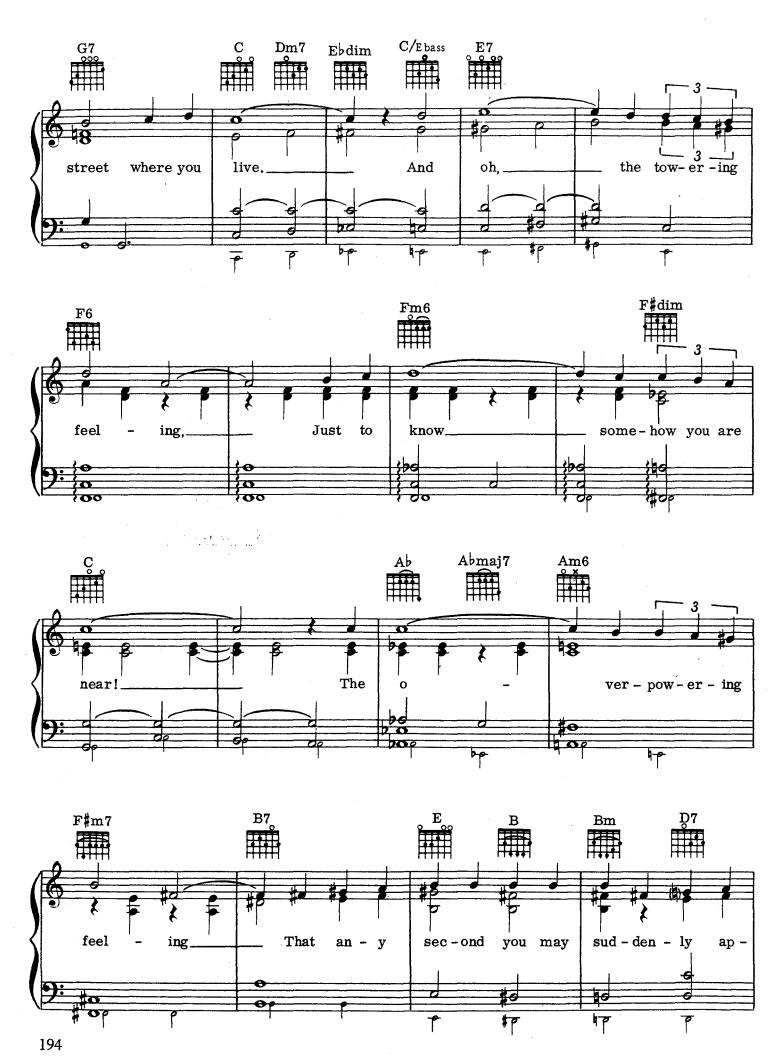


In the midst of all the 'situation' songs in My Fair Lady, Freddy Eynsford-Hill's straightforward love ballad to Eliza Doolittle stands out in romantic relief. The song is one of the lyricist Alan Jay Lerner's favourites, although, according to him, composer Frederick Loewe hated it, feeling it held up the

action. When My Fair Lady was on its pre-Broadway tryout tour, audiences tended to agree with Loewe. But when Lerner replaced the original middle section of the song with a verse that was more explanatory, he changed an out-of-town flop into a New York – and later international – showstopper.

Words by Alan Jay Lerner Music by Frederick Loewe







Hello, Dolly

The song Hello, Dolly! was vigorous enough to help keep the musical of the same name alive for one of the longest Broadway runs in history. The song holds the record for the largest sum ever paid in a copyright infringement settlement, thanks to the similarity of its opening phrases to a part of the song Sunflower, a short-lived hit of 1948. The musical reached London's Drury Lane Theatre in 1966, with Dora Bryan as Dolly, and the song also became one of Louis Armstrong's greatest hits.

Words and Music by: Jerry Herman







The film version of Rodgers' and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music* opens with a shot of Julie Andrews, in the vivid springtime of the majestic Austrian Alps, singing 'the hills are alive . . .' It is an exaltation of nature, of love for life, of fulfilment in joy, and it still crowns the score of this prize-winning, record-breaking musical that had dazzled Broadway with Mary Martin just as it was later to

dazzle Hollywood and the world with Miss Andrews. Richard Rodgers himself once remarked, 'What's wrong with sweetness and light? They've been around quite a while!' They came to London in 1961 with Jean Bayless as Maria at the Palace Theatre, and again in 1981 when Petula Clark starred in a revival of the internationally popular show at the Apollo Victoria.

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II

Music by Richard Rodgers





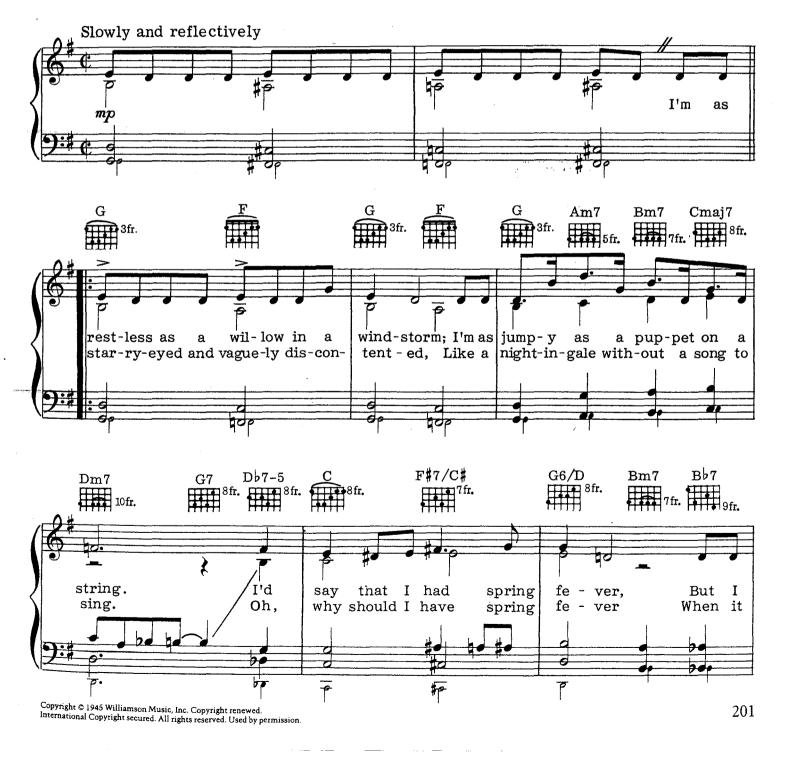


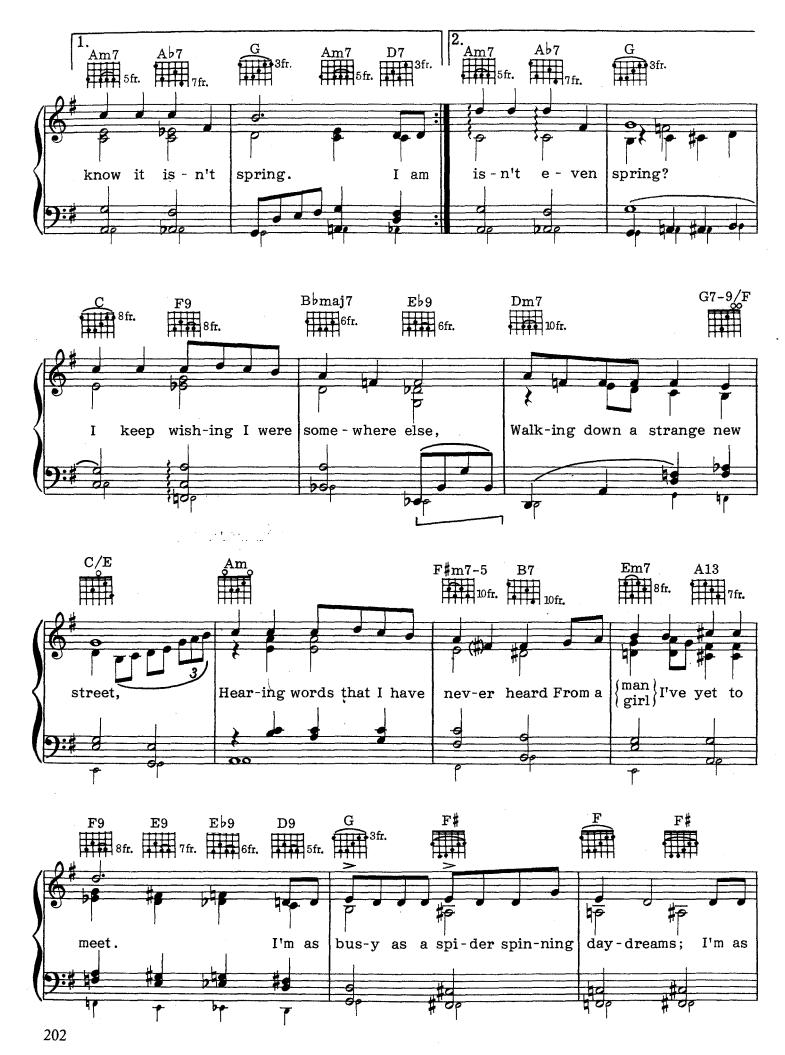
For the only film score that they wrote together – State Fair, in 1945 – Rodgers and Hammerstein had to come up with a song for the heroine, Margy (Jeanne Crain), who is about to go to the fair but has the blues for no apparent reason. Lyricist Hammerstein decided that her problem was spring fever. His problem was that



Words by Oscar Hammerstein II Music by Richard Rodgers

state fairs are held in the autumn, not in the spring. His solution: a lyric in which Margy sings that, although it is autumn, her feelings tell her it might as well be spring. Set to music in less than an hour by Rodgers, It Might As Well Be Spring won the Oscar for Best Film Song of 1945 and became a 'standard'.







IT HAD TO BE YOU



Although bandleader-composer Jones wrote this perennial hit with Gus Kahn in 1924, it became a 'current' hit again in 1944 after featuring in the Eddie Cantor-George Murphy film Show Business. There was a ban on new recordings that year, but RCA reissued an Earl Hines recording that had been made in 1941, and it became a best-seller. The song has been used in no less than 48 feature-length films – including I'll See You In My Dreams with Doris Day and comedian Danny Thomas in 1952.



Words by Gus Kahn

Music by Isham Jones



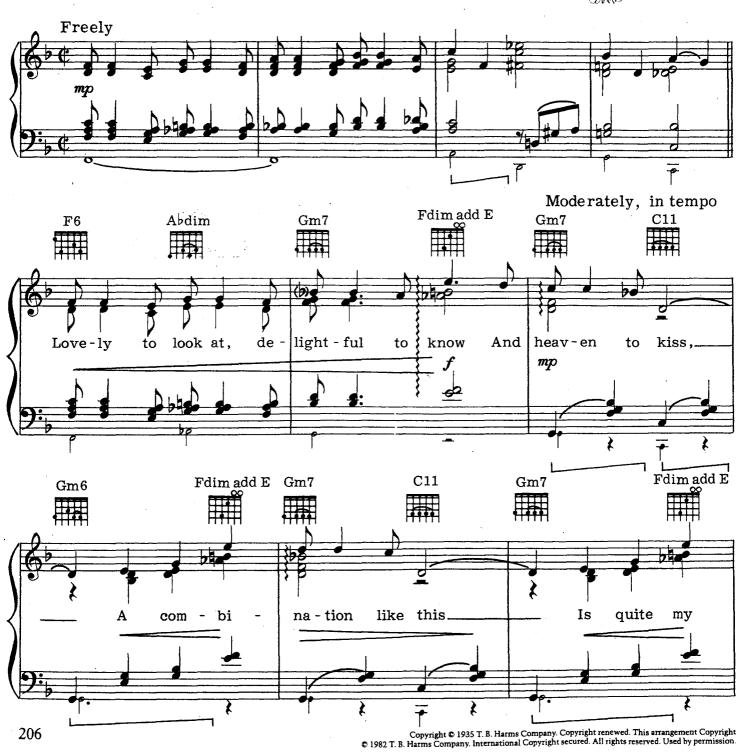


Lovely to Look At

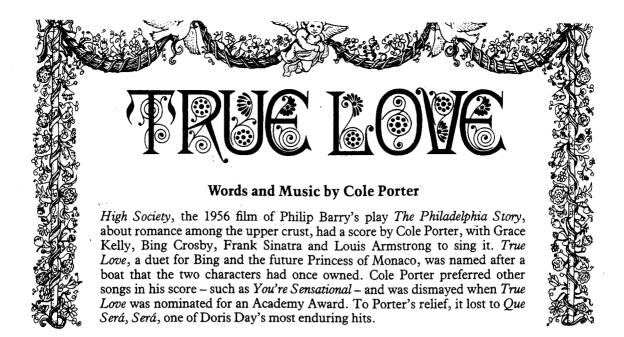
Words by Dorothy Fields and Jimmy McHugh Music by Jerome Kern

Irene Dunne introduced Lovely to Look At in the 1935 film version of Roberta, which also featured Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Jerome Kern, who had originally written Roberta for Broadway, provided the melody, and the experienced songwriting team of Dorothy Fields and Jimmy McHugh supplied the words. When Your Hit Parade was inaugurated on American radio in April 1935, Lovely to Look At was named the first No. 1 hit song in the nation. It was such a success that when a second version of Roberta – starring Kathryn Grayson and Howard Keel – was filmed in 1952, the producers changed the title of the picture to ... Lovely to Look At.



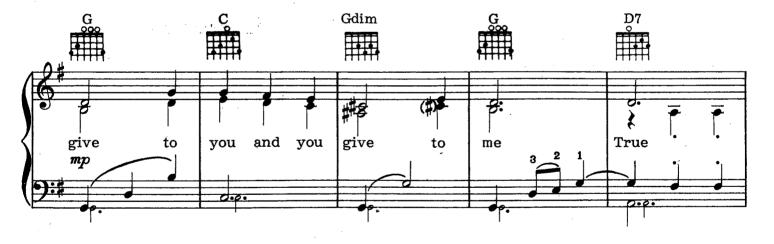


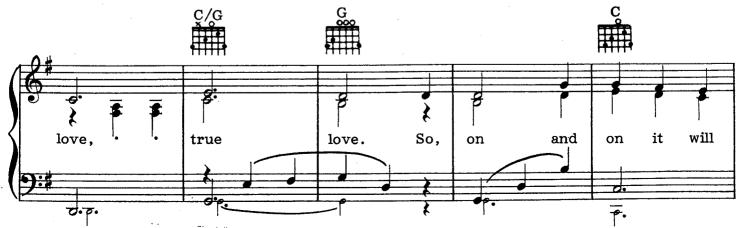


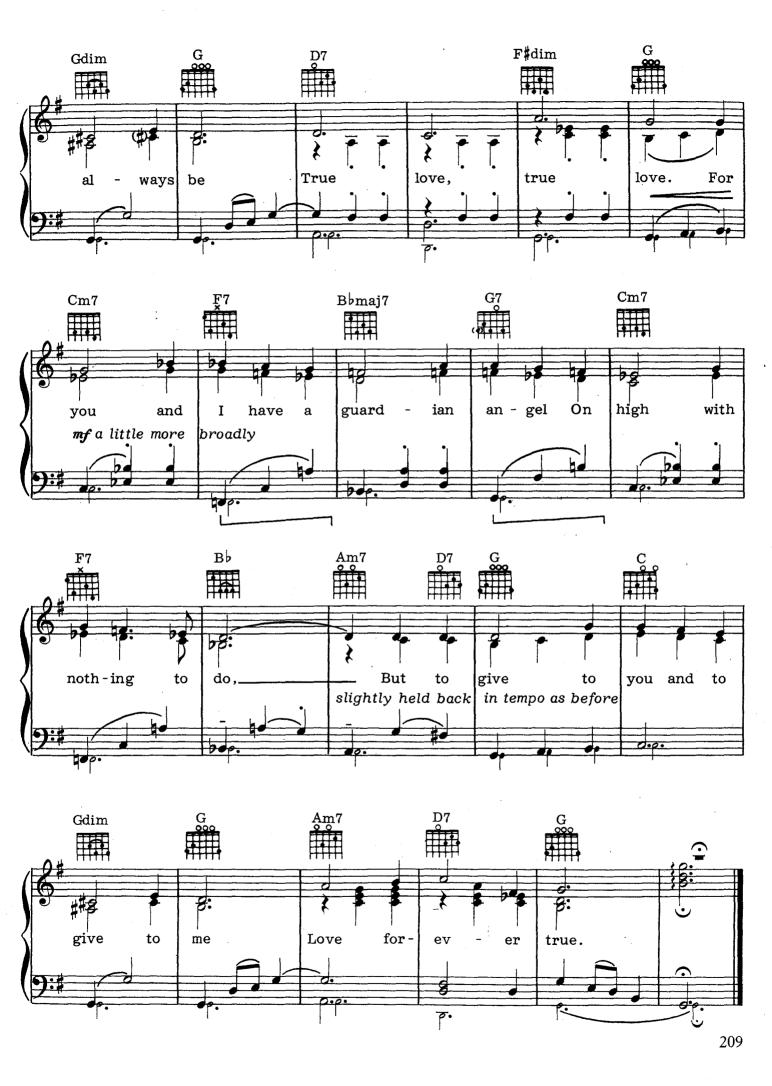












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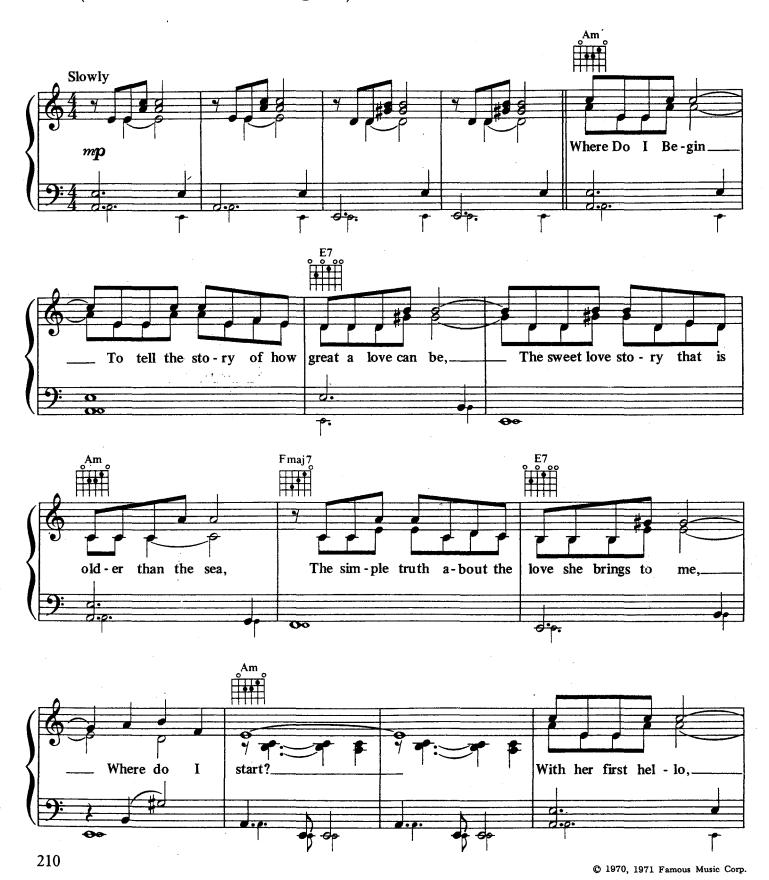
LOVE STORY

(Where Do I Begin)

The phenomenal success of Erich Segal's Love Story, both as a book and as a film, demonstrated that there is still a place in the world for old-fashioned romance and sentiment. When the film – starring Ryan O'Neal and Ali MacGraw – opened in 1970, the almost Mozartean theme music became the biggest record-seller of the year.

Words by: Carl Sigman

Music by: Francis Lai







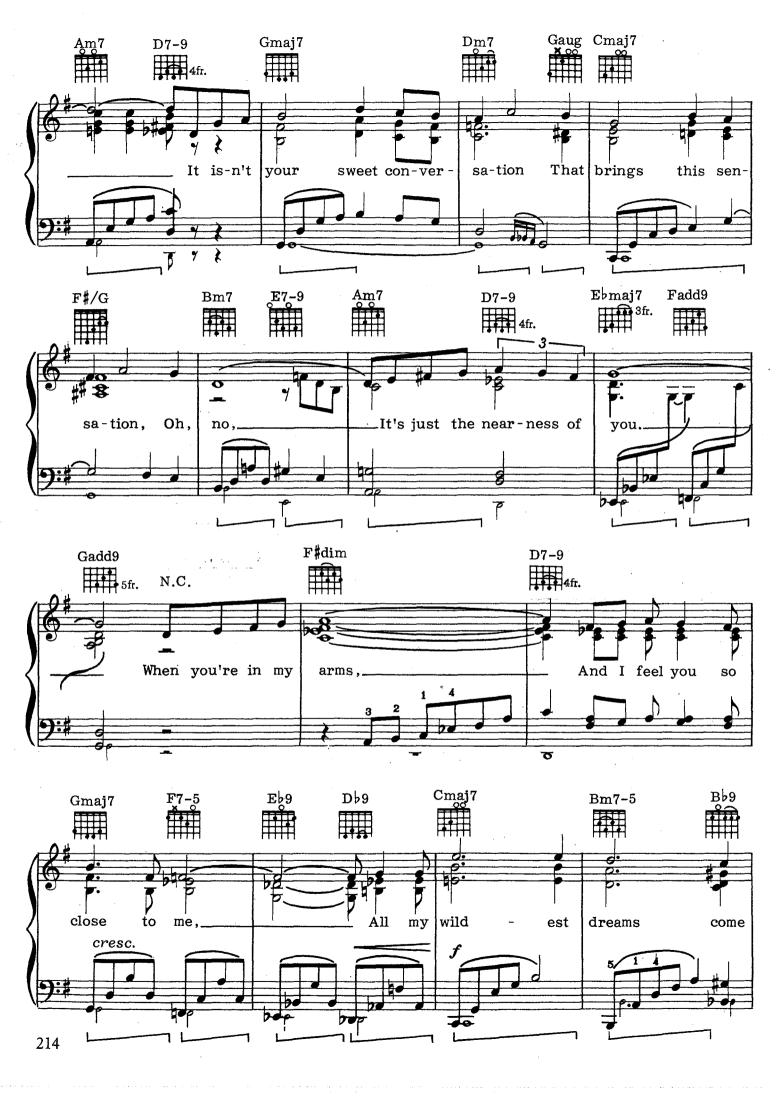


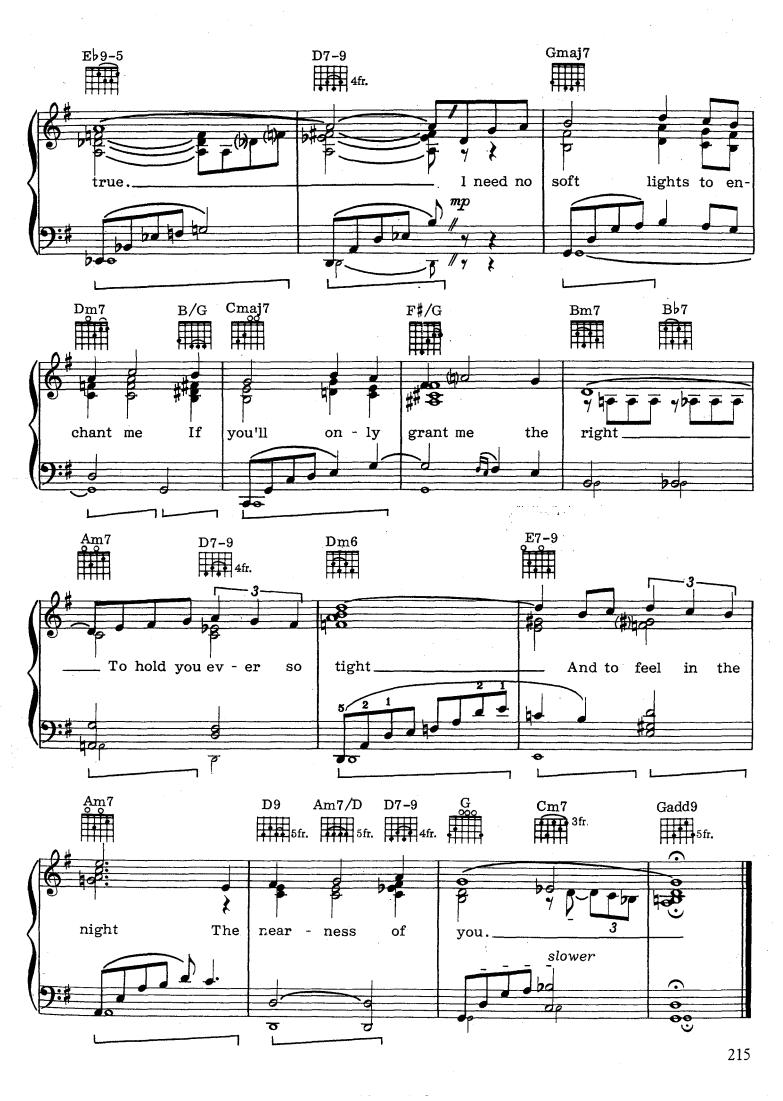
The Nearness of You

Words by Ned Washington; Music by Hoagy Carmichael

Very few popular songs have been successfully introduced on the screen by opera stars. Gladys Swarthout, however, was no ordinary opera star during her heyday in America in the 1930s. She looked like a film star and had a voice that could encompass the range of a pop song without sounding pretentious. Between 1936 and 1939 she made five films, playing a straight dramatic role in the last one. The Nearness of You was her final song in films and was featured in the 1938 film Romance in the Dark, in which she starred with John Boles and John Barrymore. Hoagy Carmichael, who composed The Nearness of You, counts it among his four best compositions (the others are Stardust, Rockin' Chair and One Morning in May). In 1940 Glenn Miller and his band recorded the song with Ray Eberle as vocalist, and it was this version that contributed so much to its ultimate popularity.







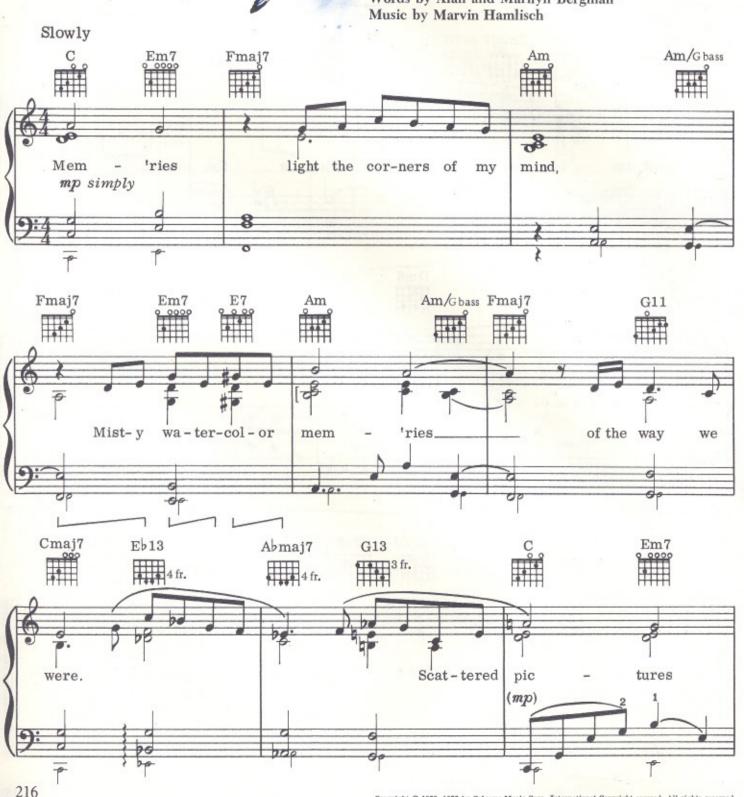
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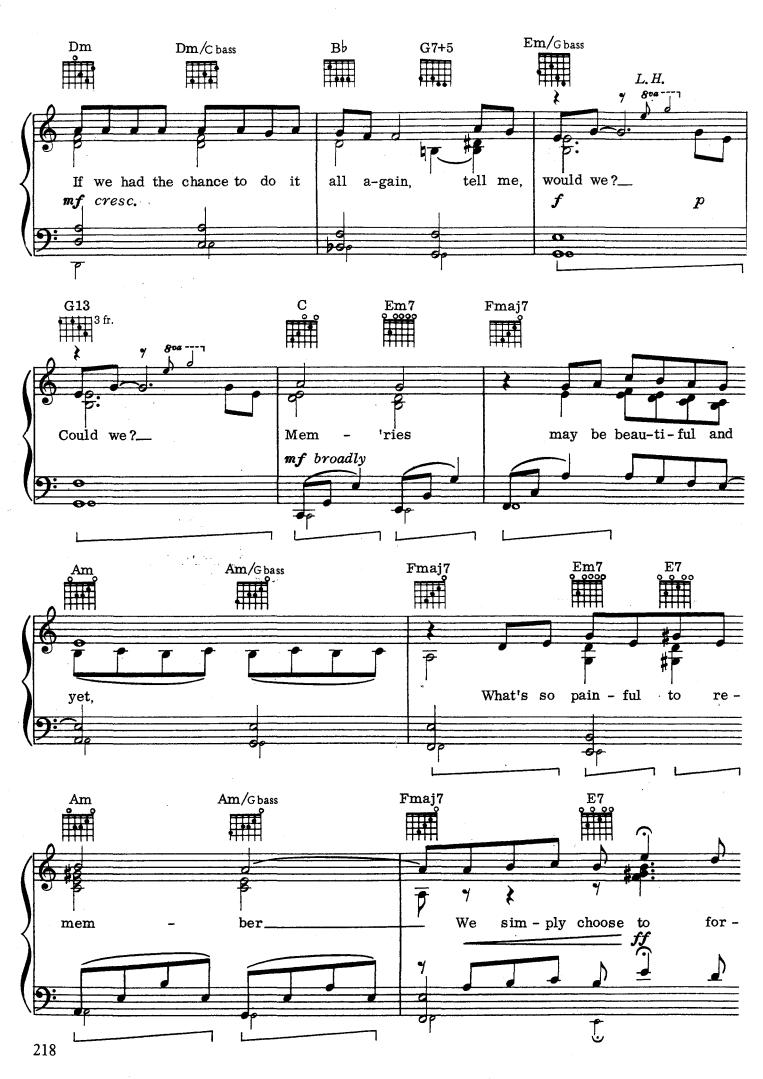
The talents of composer Marvin Hamlisch - aged 29 and still relatively unknown - won him three Oscars in one night. The Way We Were, the title song of the nostalgic film, was voted the best original song at the Academy Awards ceremony in 1974, and Hamlisch's score for the film was voted the best original dramatic score. In addition, Hamlisch won another Oscar for his scoring and adaptation of Scott Joplin's music, used on the soundtrack of The Sting. For lyricists Alan and Marilyn Bergman the Oscar for The Way We Were was their second; they won their first in 1968 for The Windmills of Your Mind, with music by Michel Legrand.

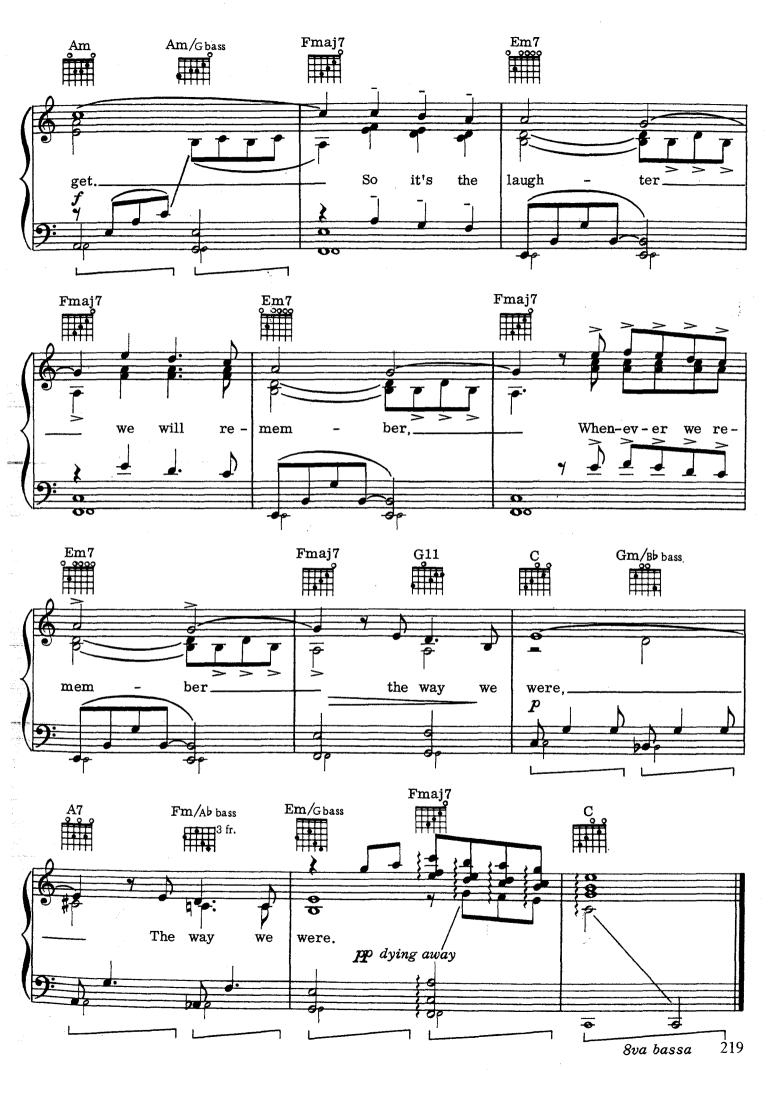
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Words by Alan and Marilyn Bergman Music by Marvin Hamlisch











In 1937 Lorenz Hart used the adjective 'funny' to develop My Funny Valentine, a song that, in much the same way as Ira Gershwin's earlier Funny Face, catalogued the appealing charms of a face that might easily be dismissed as plain. The song was one of Hart's most touching lyrics, underlined by the warmth of Richard Rodgers' melody. But because of its unusually demanding range it was a difficult song to sing. Sung by Mitzi Green in Babes in Arms, the show for which Rodgers and Hart wrote it, its story might have ended right there. But two years later Judy Garland sang it so effectively in the film version of the musical that it became one of the most requested numbers in her repertoire.

Words by Lorenz Hart Music by Richard Rodgers



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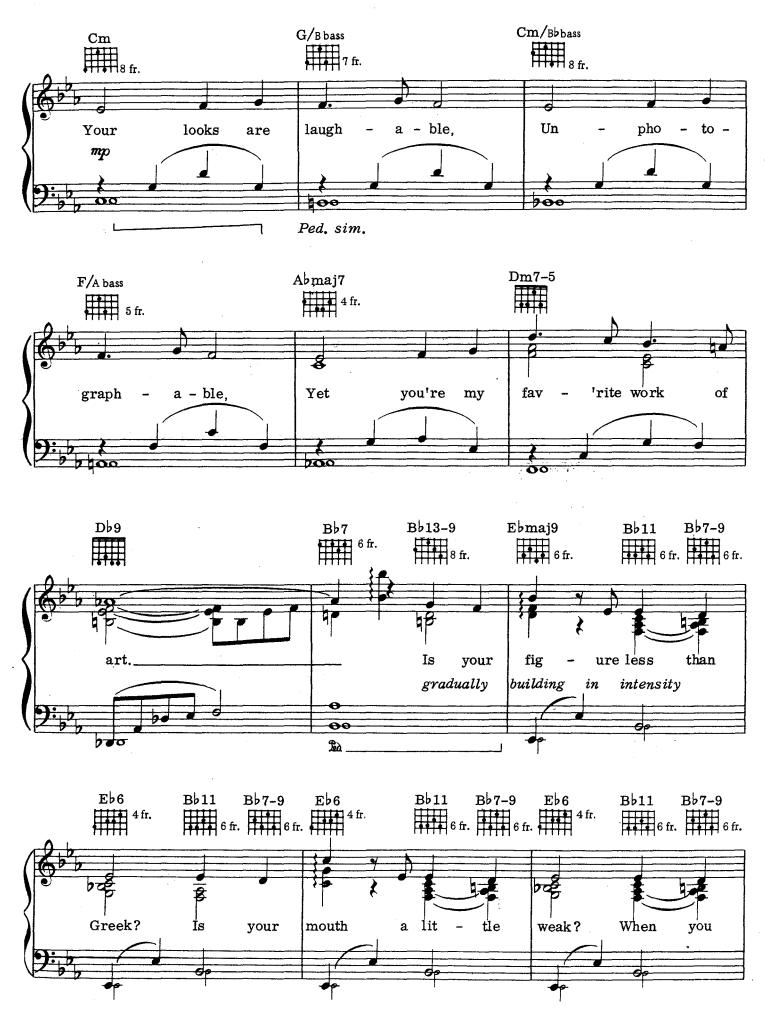
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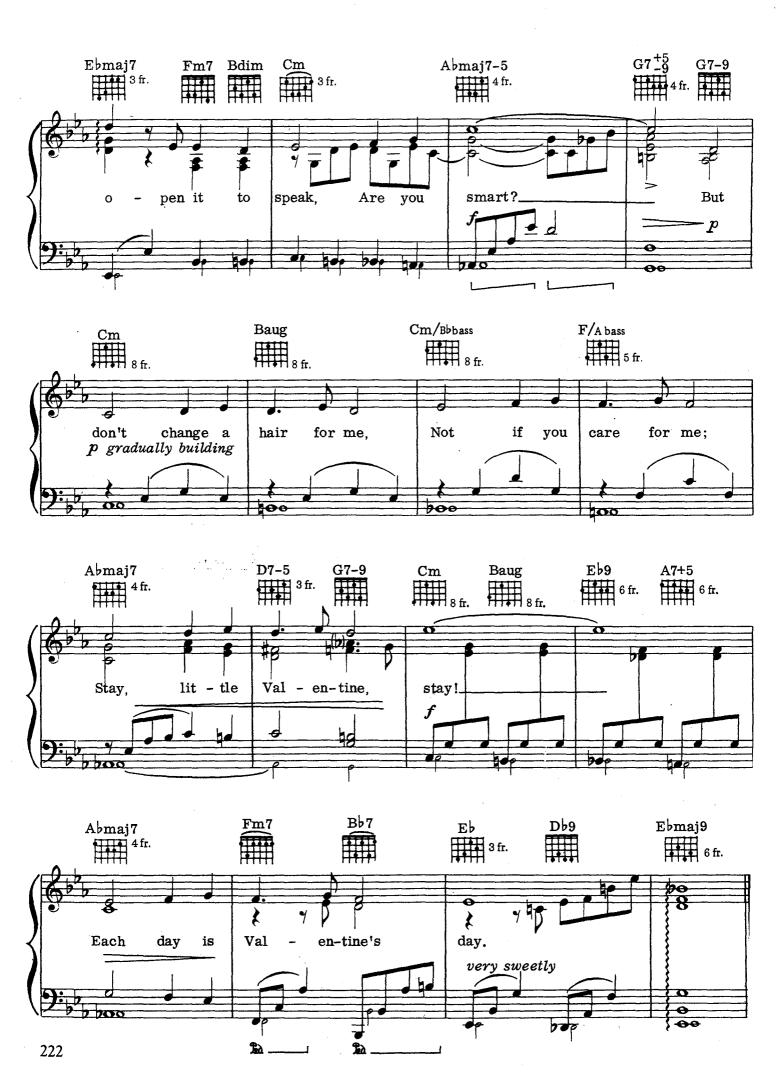
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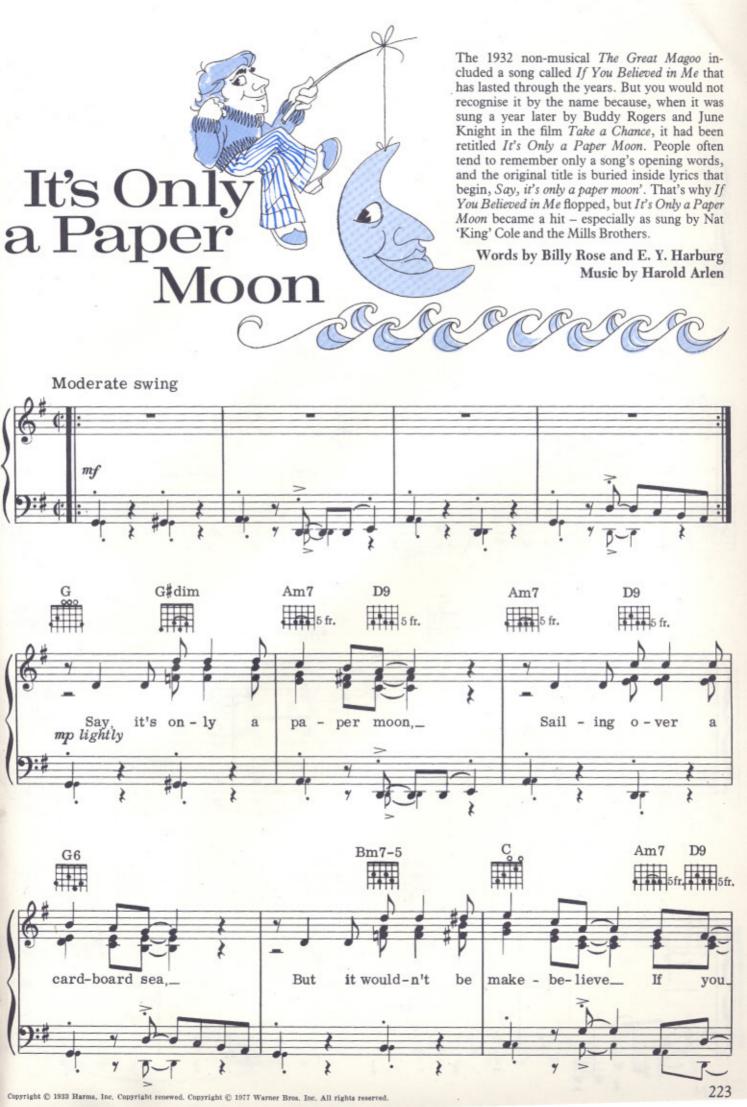
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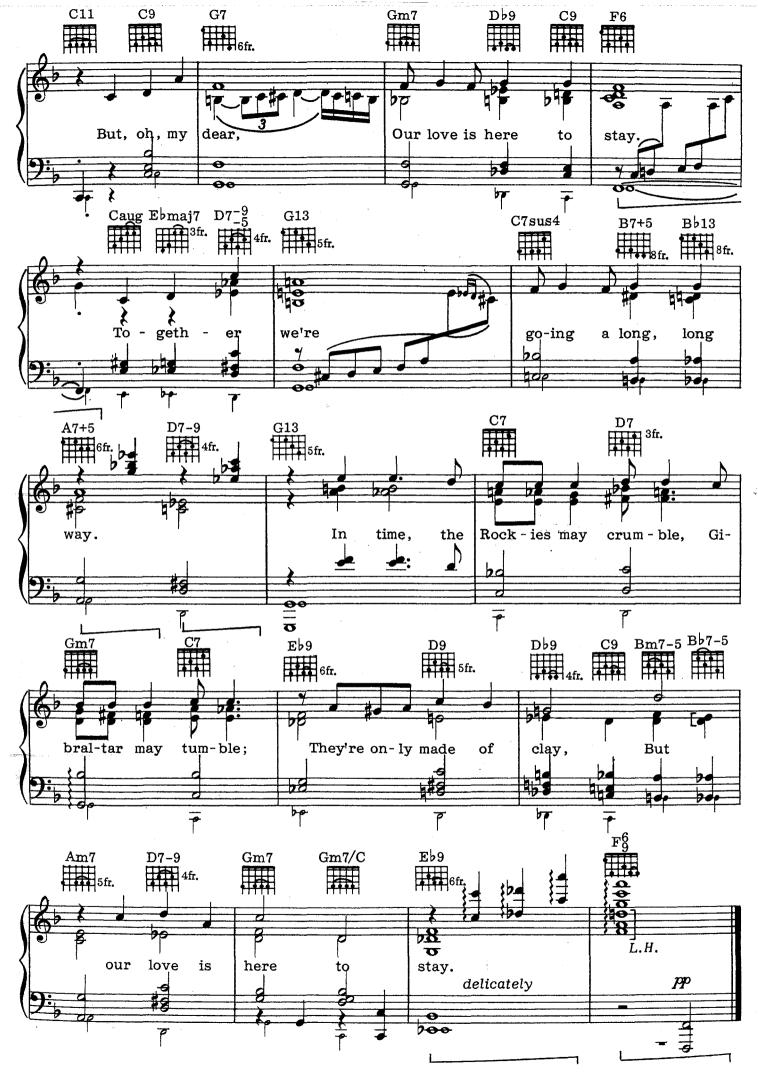




Love Is Here to Stay

Words by Ira Gershwin Music by George Gershwin Love Is Here to Stay is the last song George Gershwin wrote. He was working on it for the score of the film The Goldwyn Follies when he died in 1937 at the age of only 38. Vernon Duke, composer of April in Paris, was asked to complete the melody, but all he had to work with was a 20-bar sheet that indicated only part of it. Fortunately, Duke was able to reconstruct the tune with the help of pianist Oscar Levant, a close friend of Gershwin, who remembered the harmonies of the song from hearing Gershwin play it at parties. In 1951 Gene Kelly sang it to Leslie Caron in the Academy Award winning film, An American in Paris.





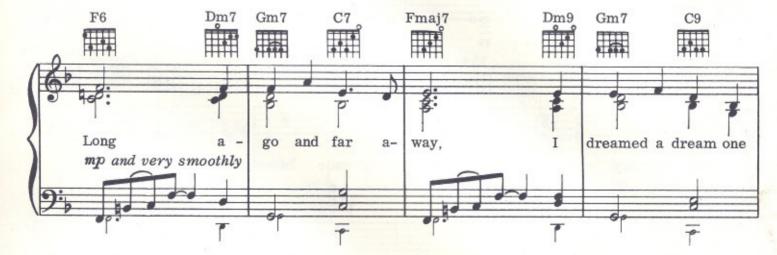


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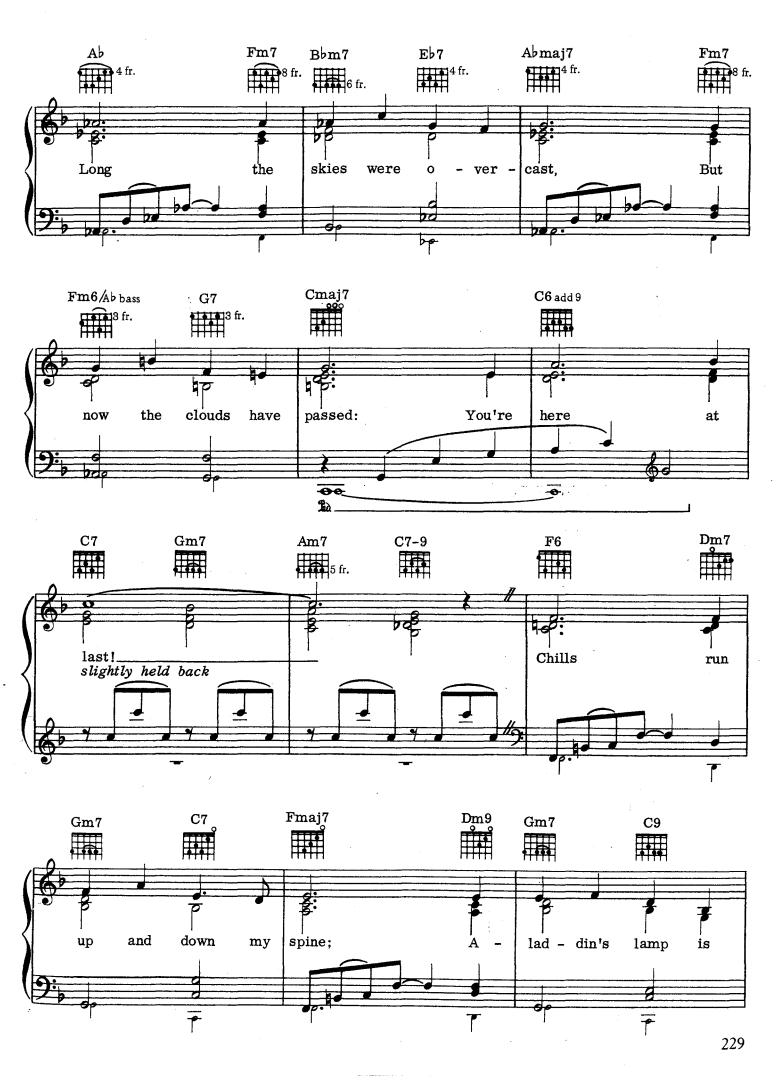
When Gene Kelly sang Long Ago (And Far Away) to Rita Hayworth in the 1944 film Cover Girl, no one could have imagined the difficulties that Ira Gershwin had experienced in trying to find the right lyrics for Jerome Kern's beautiful melody. Ira made more than 40 false starts and completed six different versions. Finally, the film's producer, Arthur Schwartz, a successful songwriter himself, telephoned Gershwin to say that the lyrics had to be finished within two days. Reluctantly, Ira read his latest effort to Schwartz, who took it down and added it to the score. Even then, Gershwin felt that Long Ago was just 'a collection of words adding up to very little'. In reality it added up to a lot: Long Ago (And Far Away) sold more copies of sheet music than any other song Ira wrote, including all the hits he created with his brother, George.

Words by Ira Gershwin Music by Jerome Kern











During a brief period in the Swing Era, the Hollywood film studios produced a series of 'shorts' featuring dance bands, usually playing their established hits. But only one 'short', A Song Is Born (1938), effectively introduced a hit. The band was Larry Clinton's, with vocalist Bea Wain, and the song was Heart and Soul, Hoagy Carmichael's and Frank Loesser's first collaboration. Carmichael was an established composer at the time, but Loesser - who later wrote the words and music for such

Words by: Frank Loesser

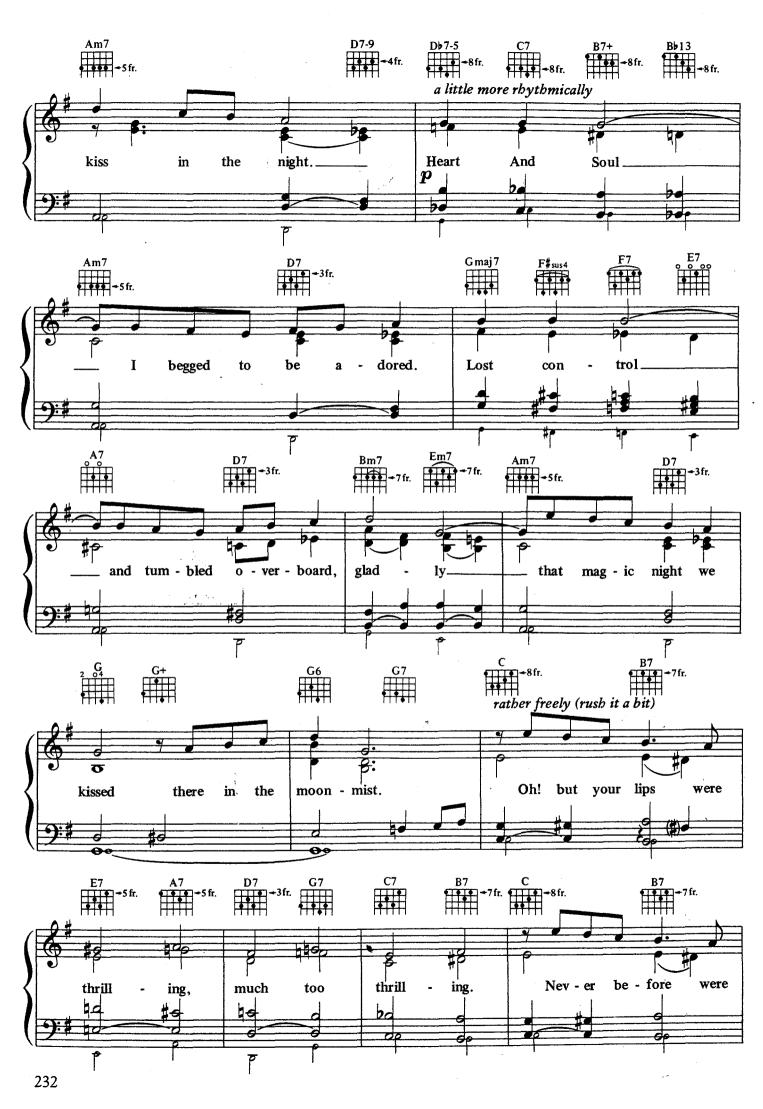
HBARA SOUL



hits as Guys and Dolls and Hans Christian Andersen - was still only a lyricist. According to Carmichael, the song kicked around the backrooms of Paramount Pictures for a month before it was assigned to any picture. During that period 'the best use the song got was for Anthony Quinn's voice practice'. The writers were disappointed when their song was launched in a minor production, but the disappointment was shortlived as Clinton's recording became a big seller.

Music by: Hoagy Carmichael







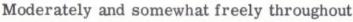






The history of Gigi is strewn with celebrated names. Originally, Gigi was a novel by Colette, the French author. When the novel was turned into a play, Gigi became the first speaking role for Audrey Hepburn, who until then had been known only as a dancer. From the stage, Gigi moved to film. The picture, which starred Leslie Caron, another former dancer, in the title role, accumulated a record-breaking total of nine Academy Awards in 1958. One of those awards was for this song, sung by Louis Jourdan and written by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. The score for Gigi was their first since their tremendous success with My Fair Lady in 1956. It was also their first original film score.

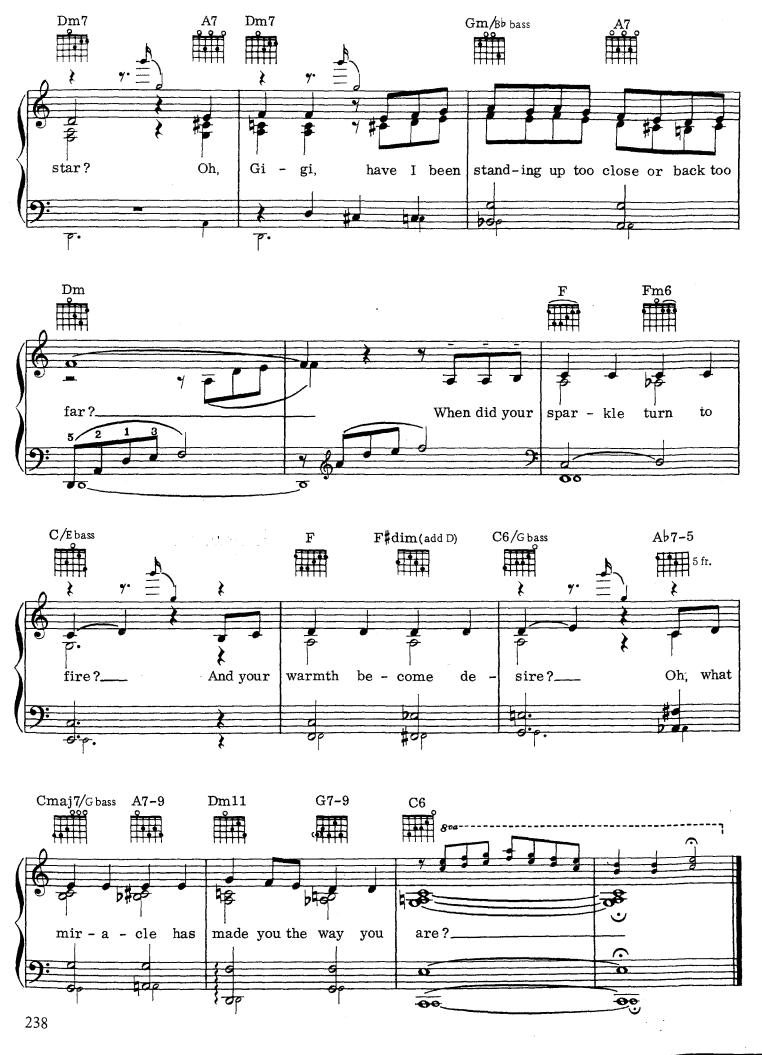
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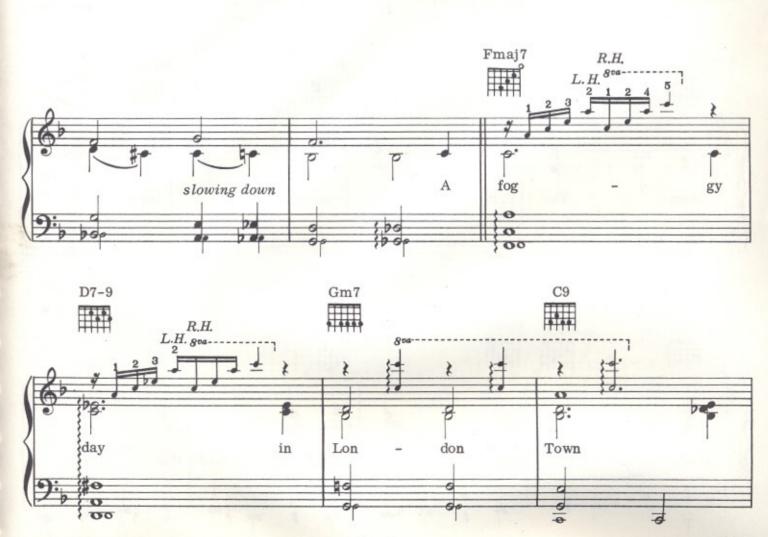




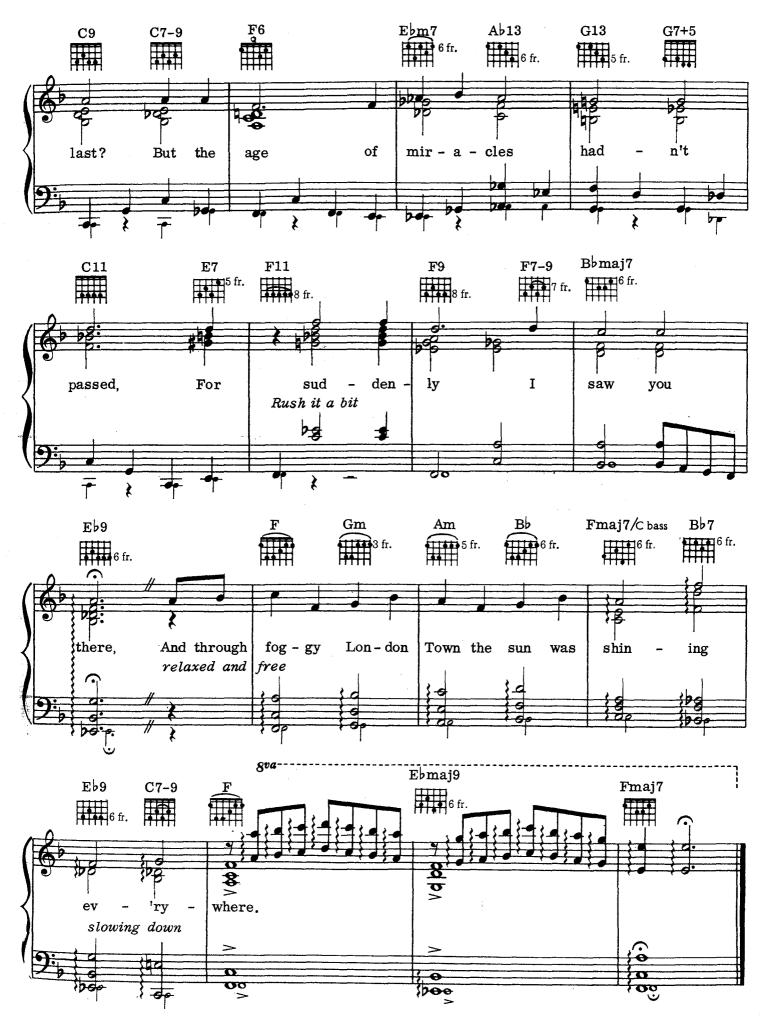
Early in 1937 George and Ira Gershwin were working on what proved to be George's last complete film score (he died in July of that year), A Damsel in Distress, starring Fred Astaire and Joan Fontaine. One night George returned from a party, took off his dinner jacket, sat down at the piano, and asked Ira if he had any ideas. Ira said that there was a spot in the film where they might do a song about fog. 'A Foggy Day in London,' Ira suggested, 'or maybe A Foggy Day in London Town.' George said he preferred the title with 'town' in it and immediately started developing a melody. But despite George's preference, the publisher used a shorter title, and the song became A Foggy Day.

Words by Ira Gershwin Music by George Gershwin









Too Marvellous for Words

Could the dictionary be at a loss for words? The song's thoroughly smitten lover thinks so after searching in vain to find the magical adjectives to describe his beloved. The number came from an otherwise forgettable 1937 film called *Ready*, *Willing and Able*, starring Al Jolson's first wife, Ruby Keeler.





I Only Have Eyes for You

With the stars twinkling above and the island of Manhattan aglow in the distance, a poor young songwriter and his girl are seen snuggling against the rail of the Staten Island ferry. The hero is oblivious to everything but the heroine – a condition he expresses in song. And when he is finished, what does the misty-eyed girl say? 'Gee, Jimmy, that was swell.' It all took place on the silver screen in 1934: Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler in *Dames*.





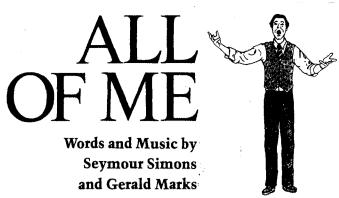


Spurred by Broadway's hit musical western Annie Get Your Gun, Hollywood staked its own claim to similar sagebrush territory in Calamity Jane. With Doris Day as the sharp-shooting heroine and Howard Keel as 'Wild Bill' Hickok, the saga had a variety of explosive numbers, but only one romantic piece, Secret Love. The ballad became a 1953 Oscar winner, a top-selling Doris Day recording and the most durable item in the score.

Words by Paul Francis Webster Music by Sammy Fain







For Seymour Simons, All Of Me was just one of many song hits that he wrote while leading his own orchestra in Detroit in the early 1930s. But for Gerald Marks, his collaborator, it was the start of a songwriting career that was to earn him awards from all over the United States. Belle Baker introduced the song on radio in 1931, and it was featured the next year in the Joan Bennett film Careless Lady. In 1952 Frank Sinatra made it a hit again in the film Meet Danny Wilson. For a while, jazzmen tended to swing the tune and up the tempo, but in 1980 Willie Nelson revived the song in its original ballad style.



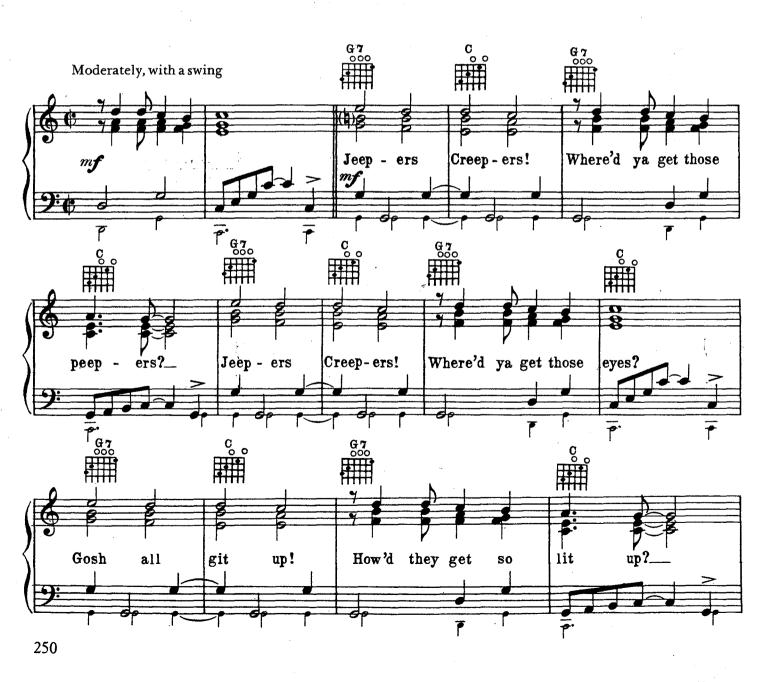


Jeepers Creepers



In Jeepers Creepers wordsmith Johnny Mercer put together a lyric based primarily on a collection of teenage slang of the 1930s, including the rhyming of 'jeepers creepers' with 'peepers' and 'weepers', and 'heaters' with 'cheaters'. This swinging tribute to a young lady's remarkable eyes was written especially for Louis Armstrong, whose mellow growl presented it first on the screen in a now forgotten film – Going Places (1939) – and then on a best-selling record. He kept it in his repertoire for the rest of his long career.

Words by Johnny Mercer Music by Harry Warren





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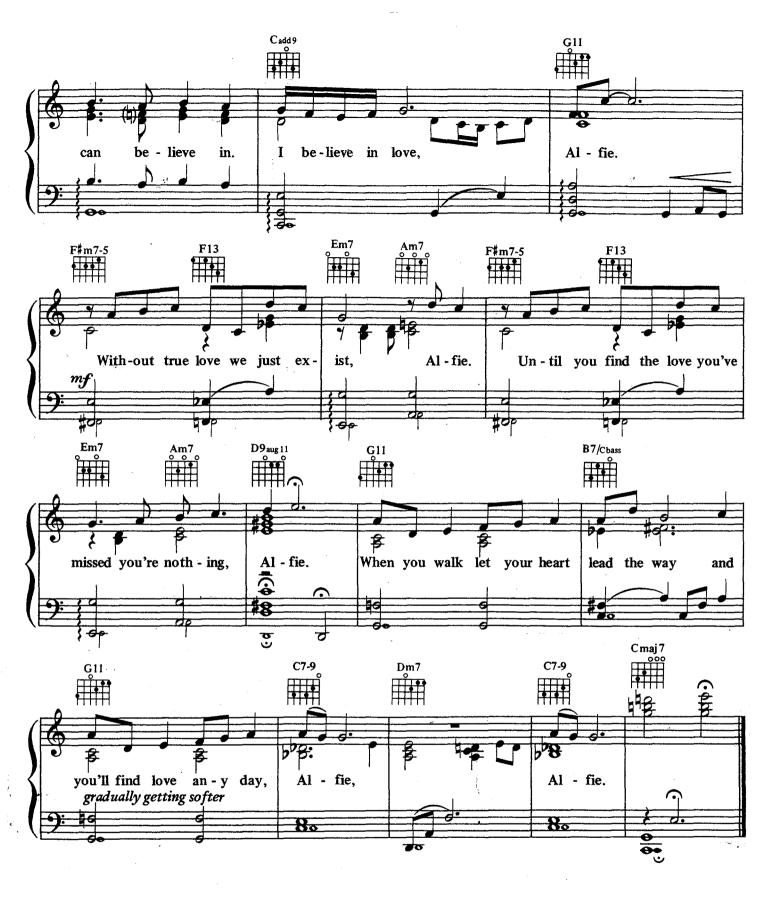
Michael Caine starred in the film Alfie as an irresponsible philanderer whose charm could never quite disguise his own moral blindness. Musical scores for films are usually added after the picture has been shot, and most of the music for Alfie was improvised to the on-screen action by jazz saxophonist Sonny Rollins. But one song was needed at the end of the story to sum up the central character. Lyricist Hal David read the script in his Long Island home while composer Bert Bacharach flew to California to see a 'rough cut', of the film. They conferred by telephone and Hal wrote the lyric that, in his words, 'put a button on the picture'. In 1966 the song became one of Cilla Black's biggest hits.



Words by: Hal David Music by: Burt Bacharach









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A Foggy Day

Alfie

All the Things You Are

April in Paris Beyond the Sea Blueberry Hill

Blues in the Night Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man

Charleston

Dancing in the Dark
Dancing on the Ceiling
Embraceable You
Fascinating Rhythm
Getting To Know You

Gigi

Heart and Soul Hello, Dolly!

I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire

I Get A Kick Out of You If Ever I Would Leave You

I'll See You Again It Might As Well Be Spring It's Only a Paper Moon Just One of Those Things Long Ago (And Far Away) Love Is Here to Stay

Love Story Theme (Where Do I Begin)

Lovely to Look At Lover, Come Back to Me Make Believe

Make Believe Mona Lisa My Funny Valentine My Heart Stood Still Night and Day

Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' On the Street Where You Live

One Alone

People Will Say We're In Love

Put On a Happy Face
'S Wonderful
Send In The Clowns
Smoke Gets in Your Eyes
Some Enchanted Evening
Someone to Watch Over Me

Summertime
Tea for Two
Tenderly
The Blue Room
The Man I Love
The Nearness of You
The Sound of Music
Thou Swell

Too Marvellous for Words

True Love

What Is This Thing Called Love? With a Song in My Heart You Do Something to Me You'll Never Walk Alone

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After You've Gone

All Of Me

Almost Like Being in Love

Autumn Leaves

Beer Barrel Polka (Roll Out The Barrel)

Bye Bye Blackbird Carolina In The Morning

Charmaine Feelings For Me and My Gal I Only Have Eyes for You

If You Were The Only Girl In The World I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles I'm Looking over a Four Leaf Clover In a Shanty in Old Shanty Town

Isle of Capri It Had to Be You Jeepers Creepers Lulu's Back in Town Ma (He's Making Eyes at Me)

Manhattan

My Melancholy Baby My Prayer Now is the Hour Paper Doll Red Sails in the Sunset Shine On, Harvest Moon The Way We Were

Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree

Till We Meet Again When Day Is Done Who's Sorry Now? You Go to My Head

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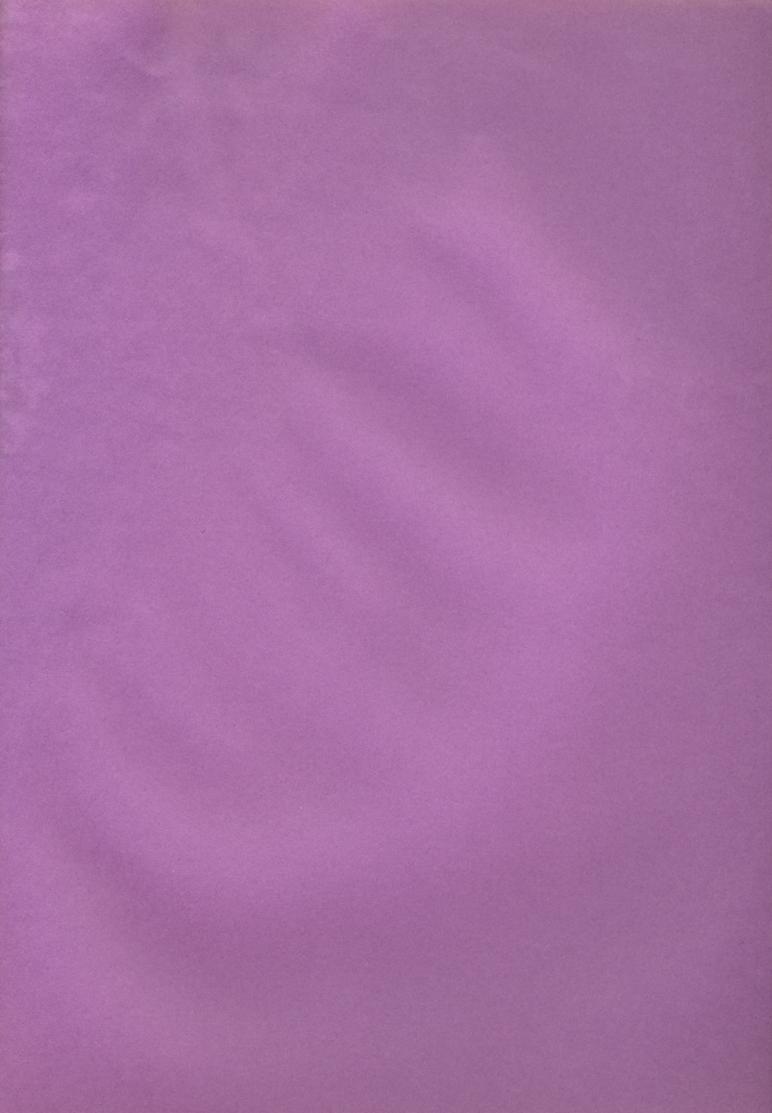
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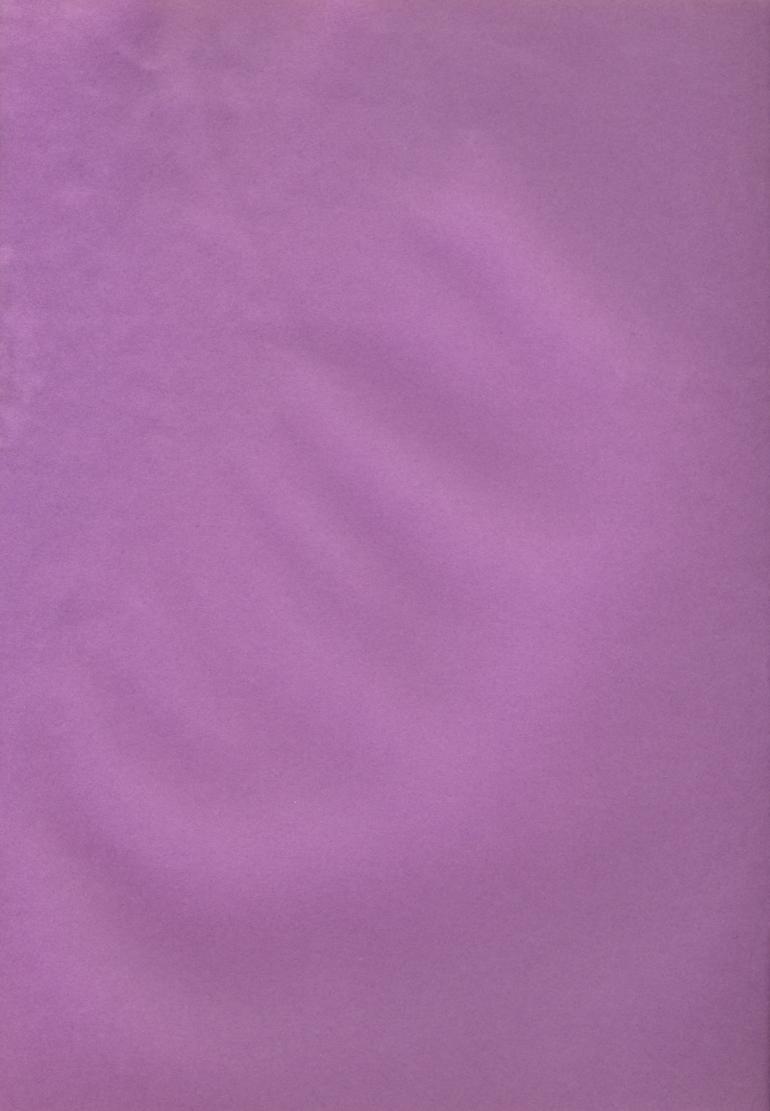
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