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Introduction

In all childhood, there is no moment quite like the discovery of the past. A family attic, an old trunk or chest full of photographs and memories and scents of times gone by—enough to awaken imagination, form a bond, uniting a new generation with all those now departed. They live again, forever young, under tomorrow's gaze.

So it is with songs. They are the flavors and fragrances of times otherwise soon lost to memory. A world of feeling and experience, a moment quickly slipping out of reach, can remain in a phrase or scrap of melody. Our songs are fragments of our lives: a college dance and the magic of unexpected romance; times of crisis and peril, companionship or pride. Songs mark the stations of a lifetime and the people who make the memories: Bing Crosby singing "Dinah, is there anyone finer" on a scratchy old record; carefree summers on Cape Cod evoked anew by a song about "sand dunes and salty air"; that night we cried for Piaf at Carnegie Hall as she rebuffed tragedy

with "La Vie en Rose"; or affectionate smiles at the thought of Great-Grandfather wooing Great-Grandma to the strains of "When You Wore a Tulip (and I Wore a Big Red Rose)."

A book of old songs, such as *Unforgettable Musical Memories*, is just that kind of direct appeal to the imagination and emotions. At a time in our history when we are constantly required to mask our softer feelings, to deny the more sentimental side of ourselves, such music is vital. We play and sing, enjoy the closeness of others — and we dream of "Japanese sandmen," "sheltering palms," good old "frivolous Sal" and "Sweet Georgia Brown."

Such a book grants eternal life to all our yesterdays — and our tomorrows as well. There will always be a new generation, all wonder and delight, to climb into the attic or open the family treasure chest. And, too, there will always be songs like the 96 musical memories that follow to nourish the heart and renew the spirit. Without them, we would be poor indeed.



HOW TO USE THIS SONGBOOK



Dan Fox, arranger for our eight previous Reader's Digest music books, once again has made favorite songs easy to play but always musically interesting and gratifying. For players of any treble clef instrument, the melody is on top, clear and uncluttered, with the stems of the notes turned up. However, if one is to play in tandem with a piano or organ, it must be on a "C" instrument, such as a violin, flute, recorder, oboe, accordion, harmonica, melodica or any of the new electronic keyboards. Guitarists also can play the melody as written, or they can play chords from the symbols (G⁷ Am, etc.) or from the diagrams printed just above the staves. Organists whose instruments have foot pedals may use the small pedal notes in the bass clef (with stems turned down). But these pedal notes should not be attempted by pianists; they are for feet only! For the sake of facility, the pedal lines move stepwise and stay within an octave. Players who improvise in the jazz sense can "take off" from the melody and the chord symbols.

The chord symbols also are designed for pianists who have studied the popular chord method; players can read the melody line and improvise their own left-hand accompani-

ments. The chord symbols may be used, too. by bass players (string or brass); just play the root note of each chord symbol, except where another note is indicated (for example, "D/F# bass"). And accordionists can use the chord symbols for the left-hand buttons while playing the treble portions of the arrangement as written.

Like our other music books, this one is arranged to serve a soloist, an entire ensemble or an old-fashioned sing-along. (In any song with more than two stanzas, a tinted band runs through each alternate line, making it easy to keep your eyes on the proper place when singing.) The collection will prove a constant, enduring source of entertainment for clubs, schools, senior citizen groups and, of course, for yourself and your family.

Enhancing the music are the introductory notes to each song — background material written by leading, recognized authorities in the categories defined by the section titles.

For all those involved, this collection of nostalgic popular "classics" was a labor of love. We hope that *Unforgettable Musical Memories* will give you as much pleasure as it gave us in putting it together.

The Editors



SECTION 1 Great Hits of the Great Band Era



Moonlight Serenade

Glenn Miller's "Moonlight Serenade" became the theme of his new band in 1937. Set to be released on a 1939 recording with "Sunrise Serenade," it had no lyrics that satisfied Miller. So he asked Mitchell Parish of "Stardust" fame for lyrics about a moonlight serenade to go with the sunrise one. The result: one of the Miller band's most enduring hits.

Words by Mitchell Parish; Music by Glenn Miller







Serenade in Blue

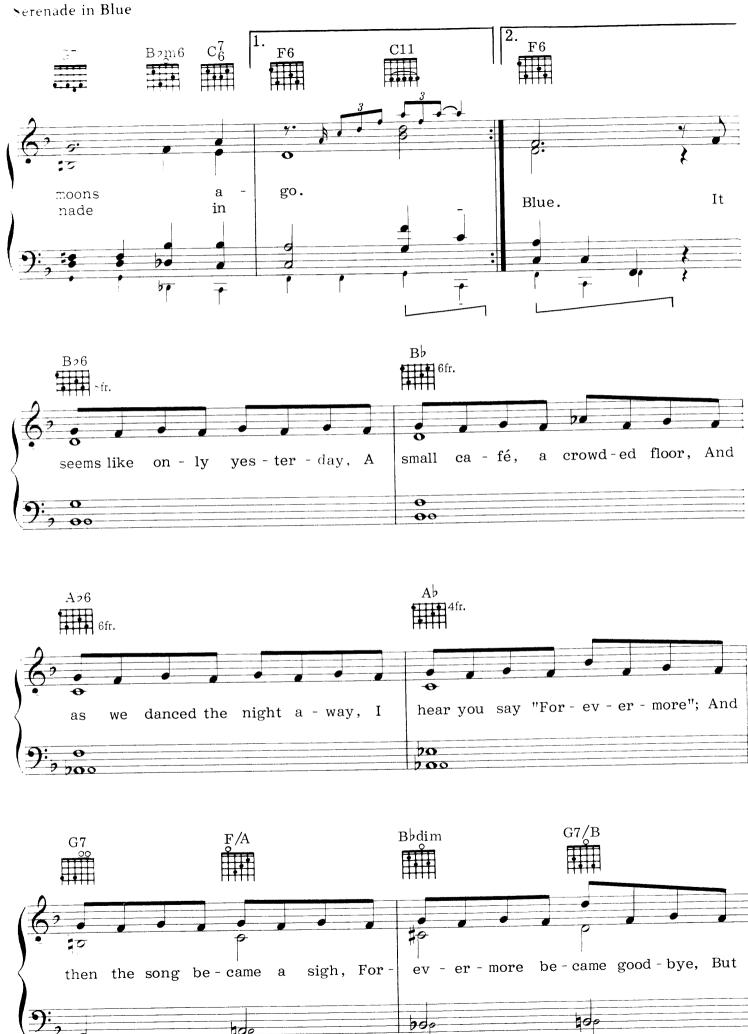
Words by Mack Gordon Music by Harry Warren



"Serenade in Blue," written by two of Hollywood's most prolific composers, Harry Warren and Mack Gordon, was the big love song in Glenn Miller's 1942 film Orchestra Wives. Moviegoers saw (but did not hear) Jackie Gleason as a bass player, George Montgomery as a trumpeter and Cesar Romero as pianist in a band which was then at the height of its popularity and which featured in person and in the movie Ray Eberle as its romantic singer.

Slow blues (\prod played as $\prod^{3} \prod$)









Im the Mood

Saxophonist Joe Garland first brought his arrangement of his song "In the Mood" to Artie Shaw, who found it too cumbersome to record. So Garland took it to Glenn Miller, who compacted it into a catchy instrumental that featured a repetitious eight-bar riff, a saxophone battle and a teasing fade-out that turned the 1939 Miller recording into the band's biggest hit as well as one of the Swing Era's most evocative favorites. This keyboard arrangement by Dan Fox follows Miller's band version as closely as possible.

Music by Joe Garland





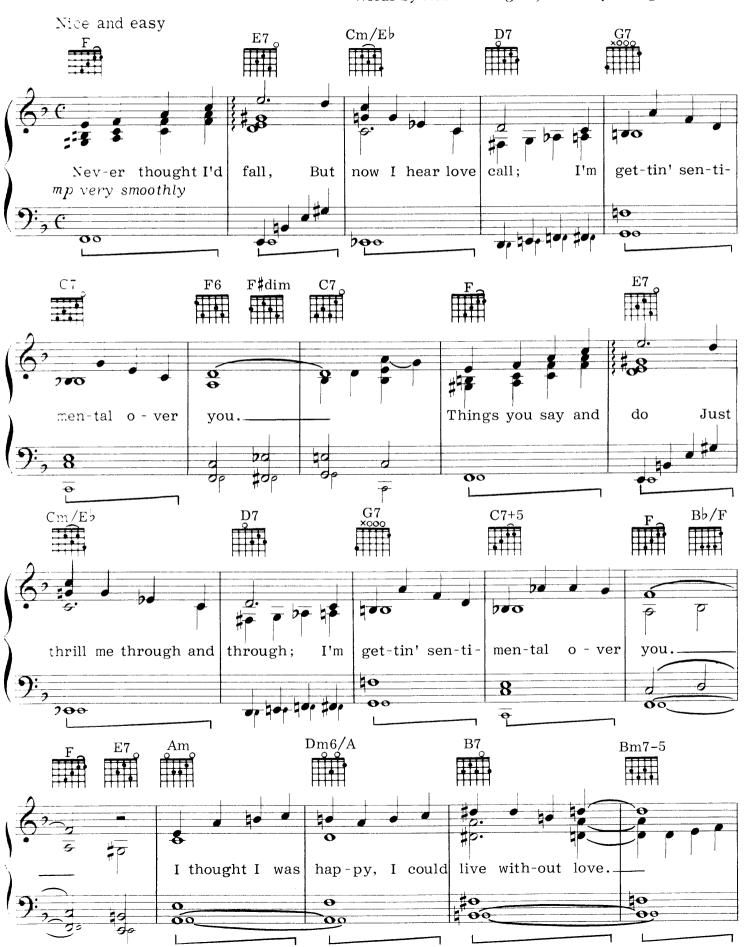




I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You

This haunting ballad by Boston Conservatory graduate George Bassman and 12-time Academy Award nominee Ned Washington served for 21 years as the theme song of Tommy Dorsey, The Sentimental Gentleman of Swing, who was sometimes sentimental but often feisty and who played the sweetest trombone in big-band history.

Words by Ned Washington; Music by George Bassman





This Love of Mine

As a singer, Frank Sinatra has had dozens of big Pats. As a songwriter, he has had just one, this tender, sentive ballad which he recorded with Tommy Dersey's band in 1941 and for which he wrote the lyrics to a melody by his close friend Hank Sanicola and Sol Parker. In fact, "This Love of Mine" became And ha big hit that it was on radio's Your Hit Parade * r 13 weeks as one of America's most popular songs.

Words by Frank Sinatra Music by Sol Parker and Henry Sanicola





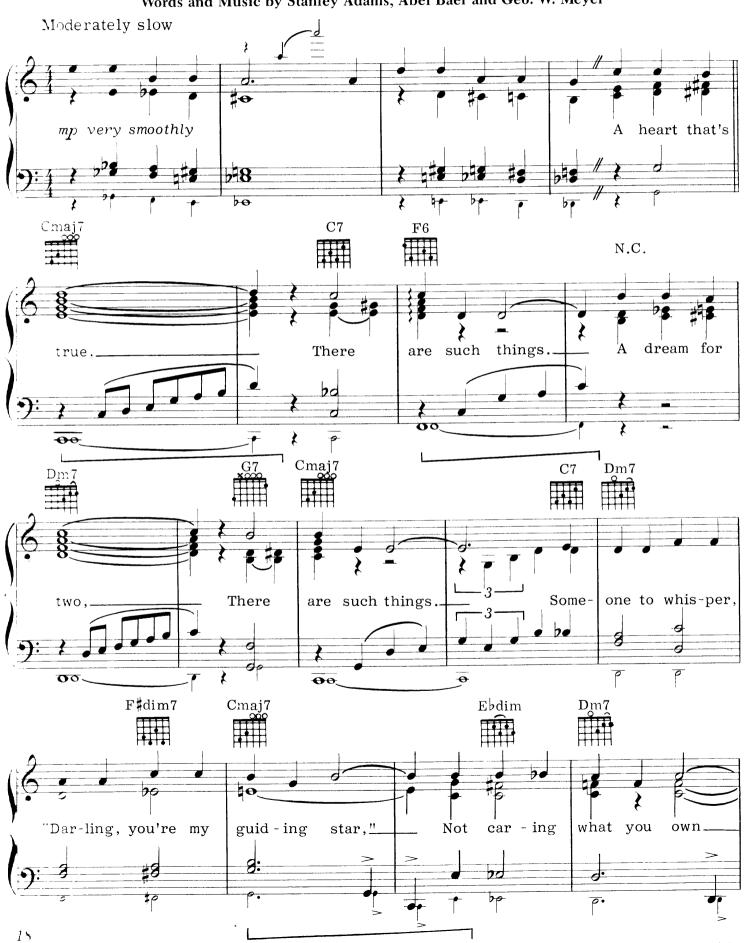


There Are Such Things

When the composers of "There Are Such Things" Lead their song for Tommy Dorsey, he was so remarked it would become a hit that he not only rised at but also published it. How right he was! Servicing on the basis of his million-seller recording,

which featured Tommy's tender trombone, some lush strings and one of Frank Sinatra and The Pied Pipers' finest collaborations, the song became so popular that, starting in December 1942, it made 18 appearances on Your Hit Parade, 6 of them in first place.

Words and Music by Stanley Adams, Abel Baer and Geo. W. Meyer





Satin Doll

Words by Johnny Mercer
Music by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn

Duke Ellington, with an assist from Billy Strayhorn, wrote the melody to "Satin Doll" in 1953 and recorded it at an easy, relaxed tempo. Musicians soon latched on to the tune, and it became so popular that the Duke decided it needed lyrics, so in 1958 he asked Johnny Mercer to write some. The result: one of the most charming and, alas, the last of many big song hits from the Duke, who thereafter turned his composing attention and talents to suites and religious works.







Day In-Day Out

Words by Johnny Mercer Music by Rube Bloom "Day In — Day Out," by Rube Bloom who played piano with the jazz greats and Johnny Mercer who sang with them, became so popular in 1939, partially because of recordings by Tommy Dorsey (with a vocal by Jack Leonard) and Artie Shaw (vocal by Helen Forrest), that it remained on Your Hit Parade for 10 consecutive weeks, reaching the coveted No. 1 spot in September.









SKYLARK

Words by Johnny Mercer Music by Hoagy Carmichael "Skylark" with its unique chord progressions was originally a movie theme by Hoagy Carmichael, who proudly admitted the influences of jazzman Bix Beiderbecke's melodies and cornet improvisations. It became a full-fledged song in 1942 when Johnny Mercer added lyrics and turned into a big hit, thanks in part to recordings by Woody Herman, Earl Hines with Billy Eckstine, Harry James with Helen Forrest and Gene Krupa with Anita O'Day.





Orizinally it was strictly a Rube Bl om instrumental piece called Shanzri-La." But then, in 1940, Library Mercer added some lyrics to it. and suddenly "Fools Rush In" in ame a big favorite among the era's singers. Mildred Bailey recorded it. So did Ray Eberle with

Words by Johnny Mercer

FOOLS RUSH

Glenn Miller, Dick Haymes with Harry James, Ginny Simms with Kay Kyser and young Frank Sinatra with Tommy Dorsey. It hit the No. 1 spot on Your Hit Parade in July of that year. Today singers who love literate lyrics still relish the song about "where angels fear to tread."

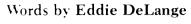
Music by Rube Bloom





Darn That Dream

Swingin' the Dream, a 1939 Broadway musical flop based on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, presented three top jazz stars, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman and Maxine Sullivan, but just one hit tune, this touching ballad, which Miss Sullivan sang in the show.



Music by Jimmy Van Heusen









A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square

"A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley [pronounced Barkley] Square" was written for a British revue, New Faces, by Eric Maschwitz and Manning Sherwin, a New Yorker living in London. The song became a hit over here in 1940, partly because of the country's deep affection for England, already experiencing air attacks from Germany, and partly because of recordings by Bing Crosby and Kate Smith, but mostly because of a Glenn Miller recording that was beautifully scored by Bill Finegan and sung sympathetically by Ray Eberle.

Words and Music by Eric Maschwitz and Manning Sherwin





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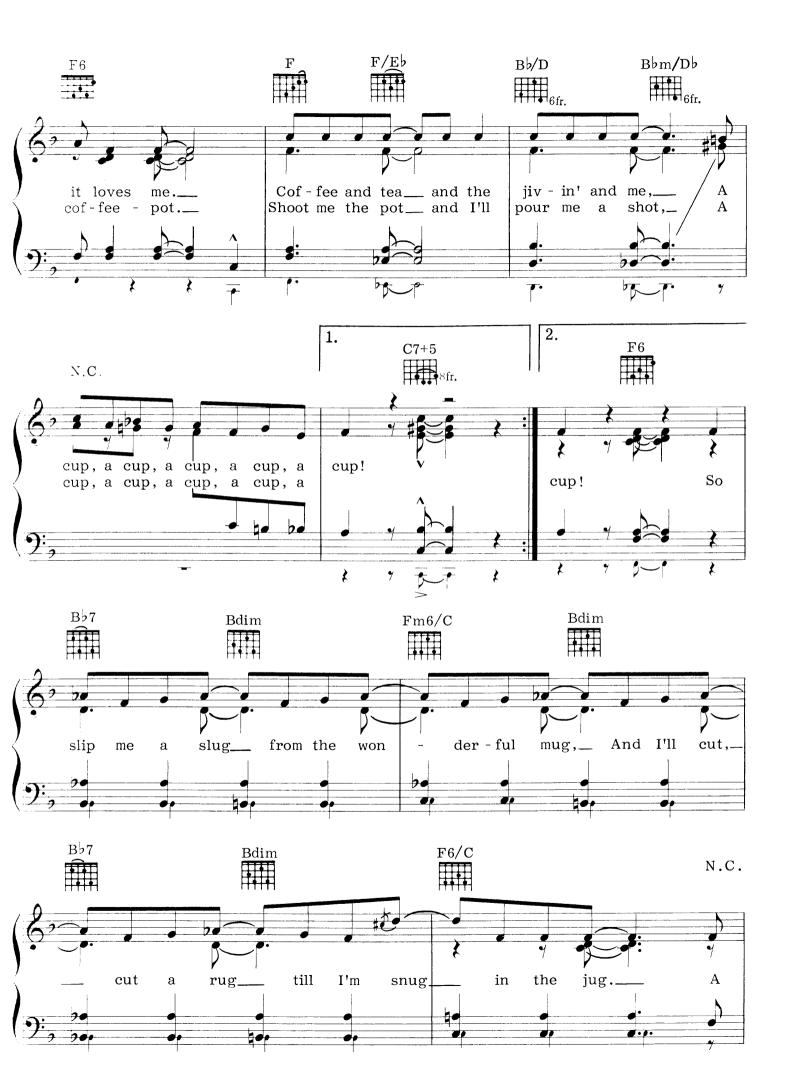


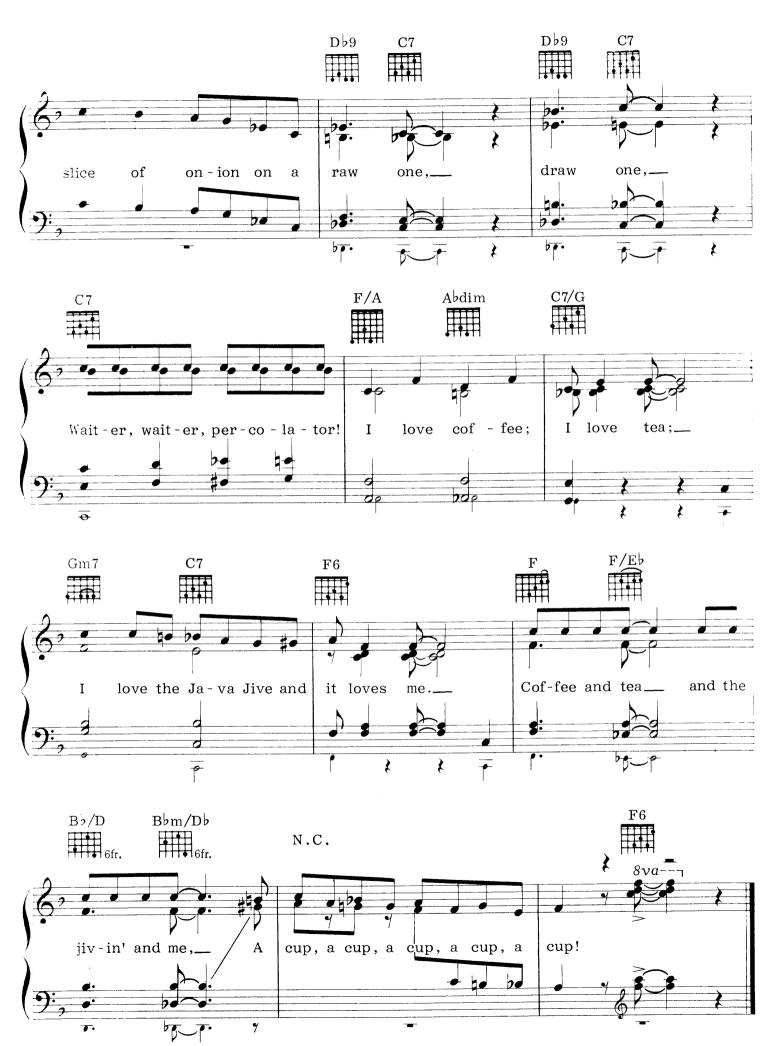
JAVA JIVE

When Milton Drake was writing lyrics for a movie that starred Mae West and W. C. Fields. the latter would often offer the former a drink. which she'd decline with "I love coffee, I love tea." Later, at a party, Miss West asked Drake and composer Ben Oakland to write a song starting with her phrase. In an hour they completed "Java Jive," then sent a copy to Fields. who immediately substituted his own lyrics, "I love whiskey, I love gin. I'm pretty healthy for the state I'm in." But it was the West-inspired version that became a hit in 1940 for The Ink Spots and almost four decades later for the singing group Manhattan Transfer.

Words by Milton Drake; Music by Ben Oakland









SECTION 2 All-Time Film Hits





Theme from New York, New York

Words by Fred Ebb; Music by John Kander

Probably more songs have been written about New York than about any other metropolis in the world—all the way from "The Sidewalks of New York" ("East Side, West Side") to "In Old New York" to "New York, New York." No song of recent years, however, has become as

identified with the aspirations of the city's citizens as the rousing "Theme from New York, New York." Movie audiences first heard it in that 1977 romantic saga of the Big Band Era in which it was introduced by Liza Minnelli as an aspiring singer and songwriter.







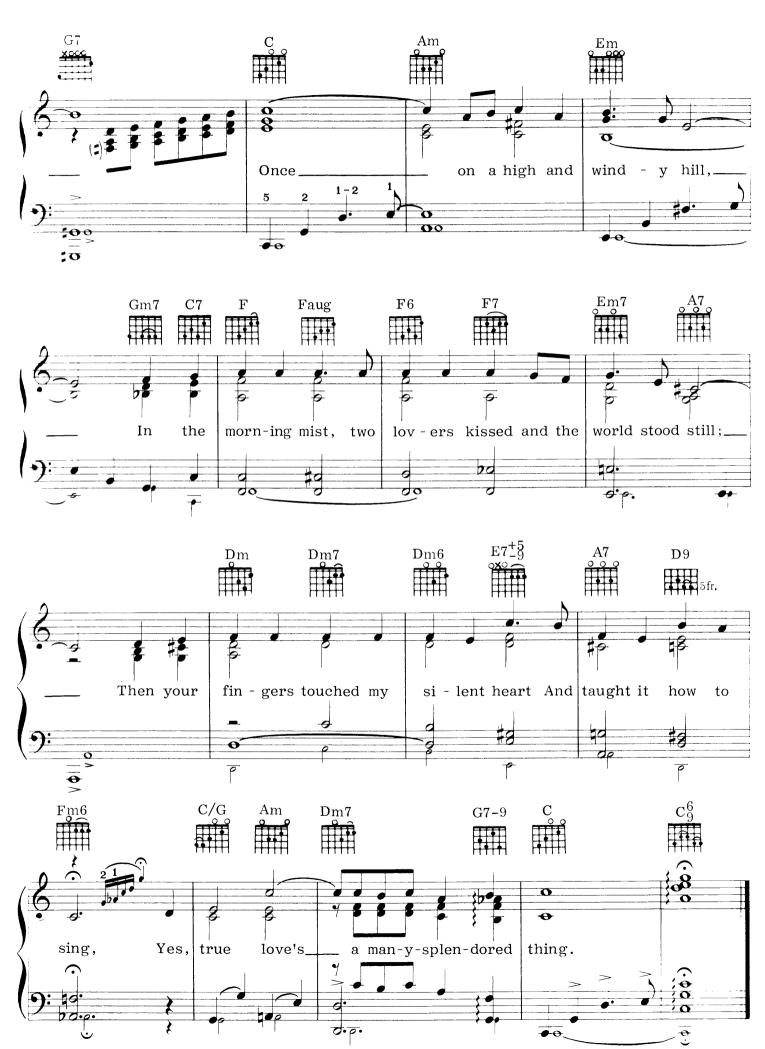


Love Is a Many-Splendored

In the days of the lush, romantic movies of the mid-1950s, it was common practice to have a musical theme bearing a film's title on the sound track at the beginning, at the end and sometimes in the middle of the film. Surely, no lusher or more romantic title song has ever been written than this 1955 Academy Award-winner that The Four Aces introduced and turned into a hit recording.

from Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing Words by Paul Francis Webster; Music by Sammy Fain



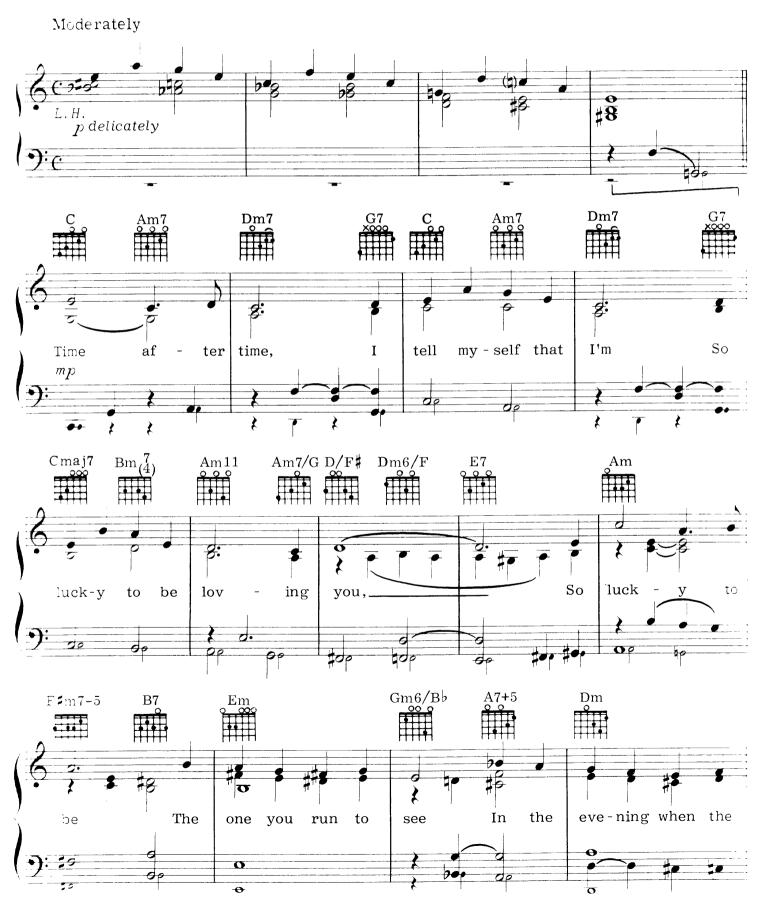


TIME AFTER TIME

from It Happened in Brooklyn

Any ballad is sure to get a big boost when it is introduced by Frank Sinatra, and "Time After Time" is surely no exception. It happened in It Happened in Brooklyn, a 1947 MGM release, in which Frank played an ex-GI who returns home anxious to pursue a career in music. In the story, he visits a friend, Jimmy Durante, and sings this song as a piece he has just written with another friend, this one played by Peter Lawford.

Words by Sammy Cahn; Music by Jule Styne





Give Me the Simple Life

from Wake Up and Dream

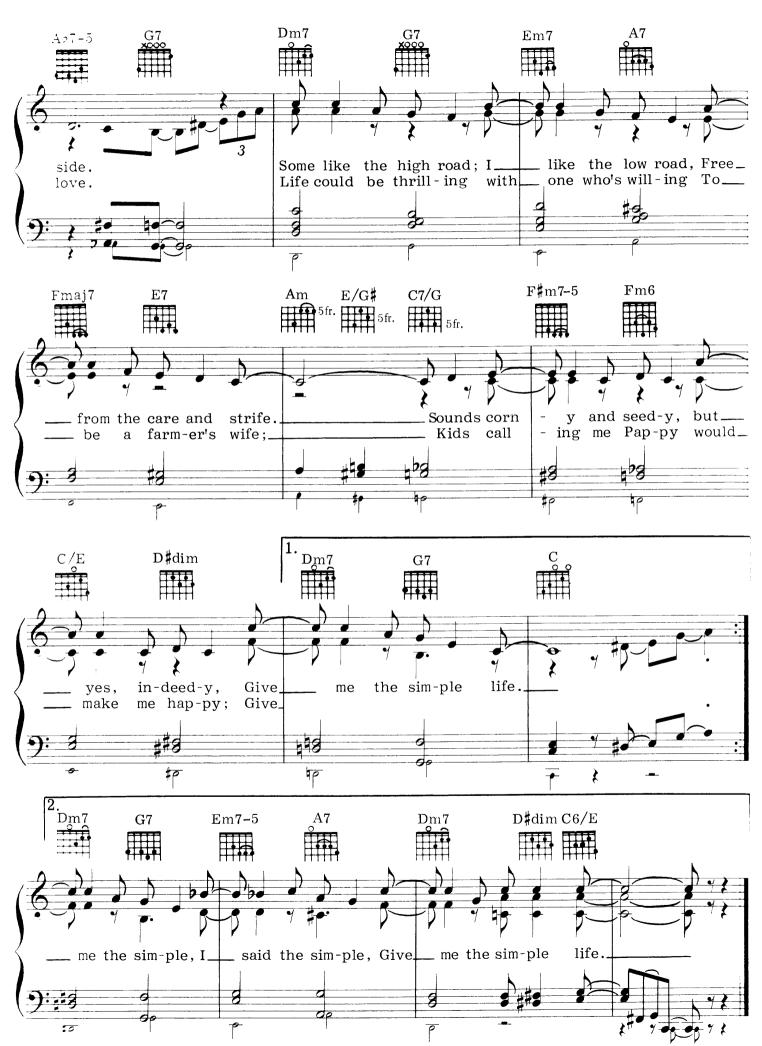
Words by Harry Ruby; Music by Rube Bloom



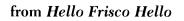
There have been many songs advocating the pleasures of the simple life, but none has ever done it with more bouncy good humor than this tune, which John Payne and June Haver introduced in the 1946 Fox film Wake Up and Dream. The lyric was by Harry Ruby, otherwise best known for the music he composed to lyrics written by Bert Kalmar. Composer Rube Bloom was a self-taught musician with such songs to his credit as "Fools Rush In" and "Day In — Day Out."







YOU'LL NEVER KNOW

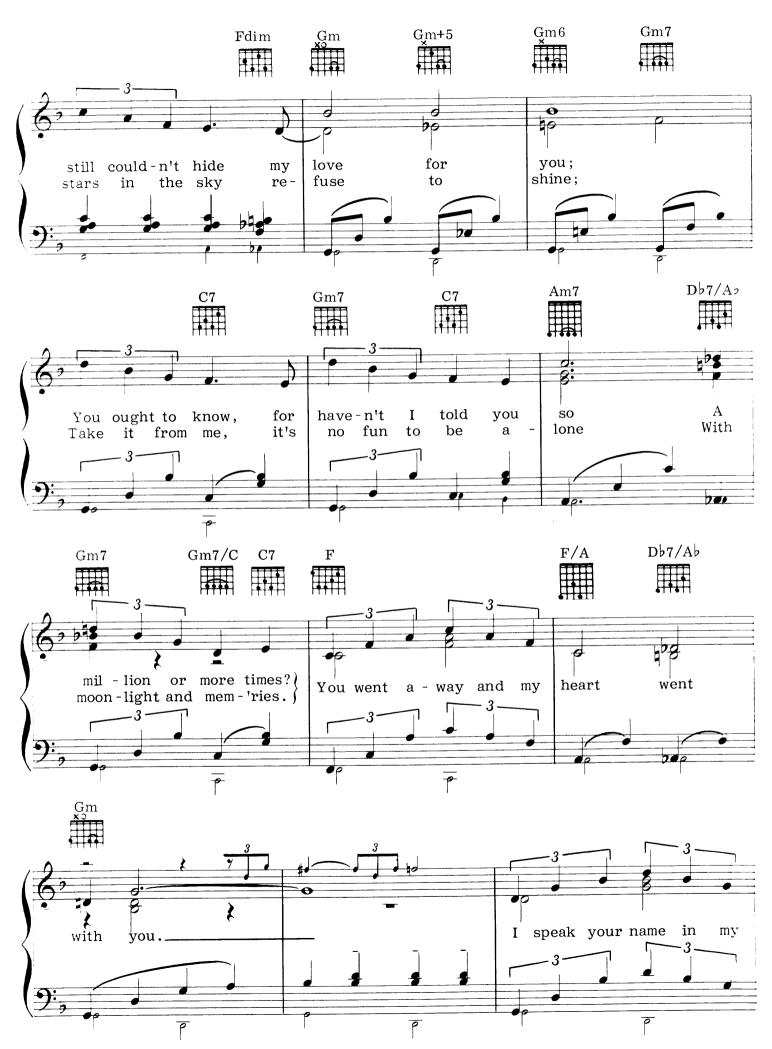




"You'll Never Know," the 1943 Academy Award-winning song, was written for a Twentieth Century-Fox musical, Hello Frisco Hello, in which it was introduced by Alice Faye from the stage of a turn-of-the-century San Francisco beer hall. While the song was appropriate for both the scene and the period, composer Harry Warren once said that he also wanted the ballad to be an expression that could apply to the loneliness felt by both soldiers and civilians during World War II because their loved ones were far away.

Words by Mack Gordon; Music by Harry Warren







When You Wish Upon

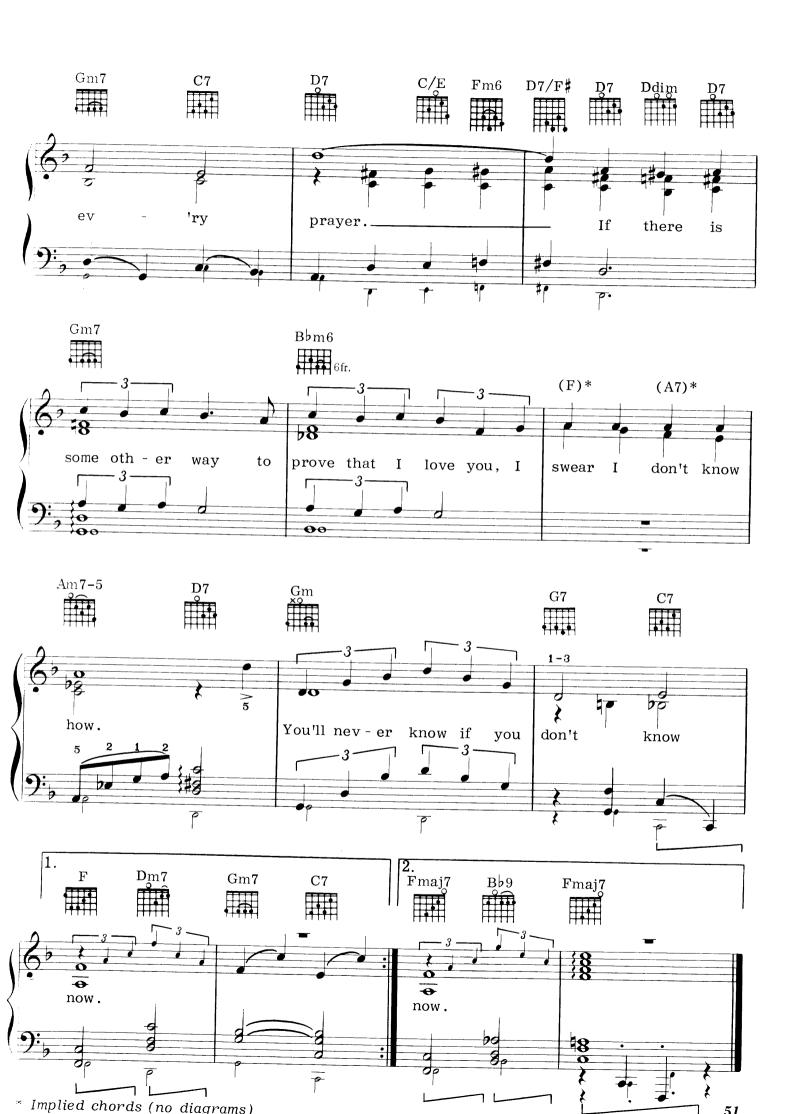
Cliff Edwards, as the sound-track voice filminy Cricket, sang the plaintive Eddad "When You Wish Upon a Star" ver the credits of the 1940 Walt Disney action film Pinocchio. Though mposer Leigh Harline created many

a Star

from Pinocchio

background scores for movies, his fame rests largely on the six songs he wrote for this one film, which, in addition to this Oscar winner, also included "Hi-Diddle-Dee-Dee," "Give a Little Whistle" and "I've Got No Strings."





You Are Too Beautiful

from Hallelujah, I'm a Bum

Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart spent about five years in Hollywood in the early 1930s turning out songs for a number of adventurous films. For the 1933 Al Jolson starrer Hallelujah, I'm a Bum, they had to deal with a tale about hoboes living in New York City's Central Park during the Depression. Most of the songs were integrated with the plot, but Rodgers and Hart did manage to create a ballad, "You Are Too Beautiful," whose heartfelt sentiment has long been enjoyed far from the dramatic situation for which the song was written.

Words by Lorenz Hart; Music by Richard Rodgers





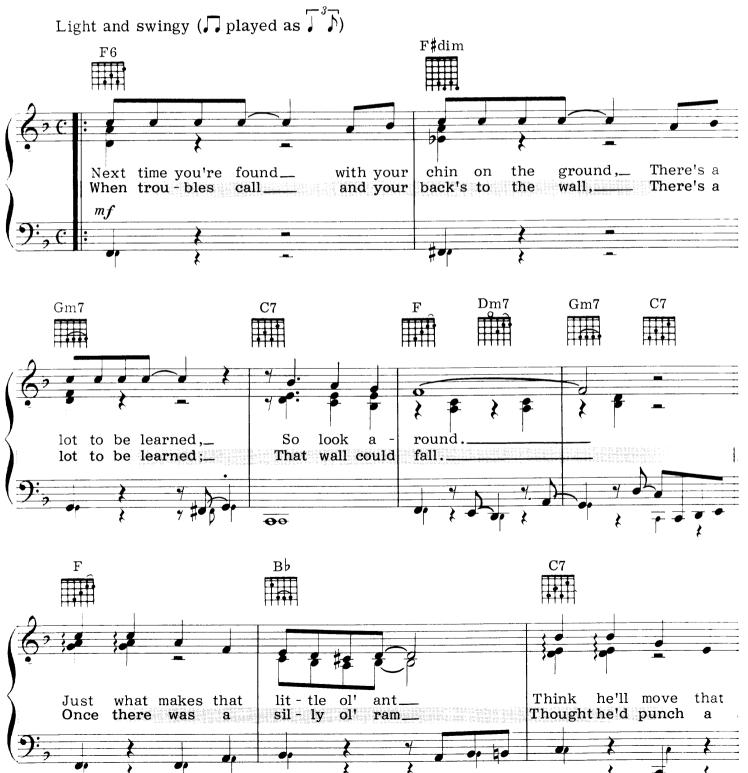


HIGH HOPES

from A Hole in the Head

No songwriting team has ever contributed more Frank Sinatra hits than Jimmy Van Heusen and Sammy Cahn, with numbers such as "All the Way," "Call Me Irresponsible" and "Love and Marriage." In 1959, Van Heusen and Cahn gave Sinatra another surefire piece, the Academy Award-winning "High Hopes," which he and "son" Eddie Hodges introduced in the nonmusical film A Hole in the Head. In the scene, father and son try bucking up their spirits by taking a lesson from the dauntless optimism of the ant and the ram.

Words by Sammy Cahn; Music by Jimmy Van Heusen





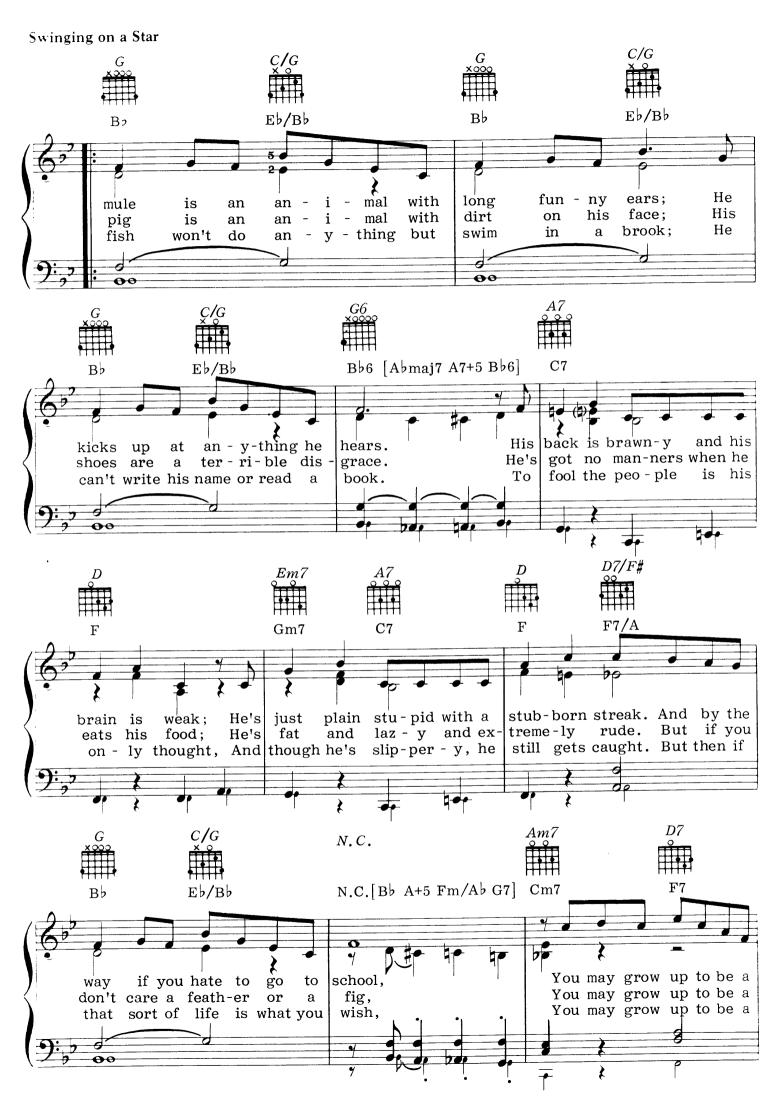


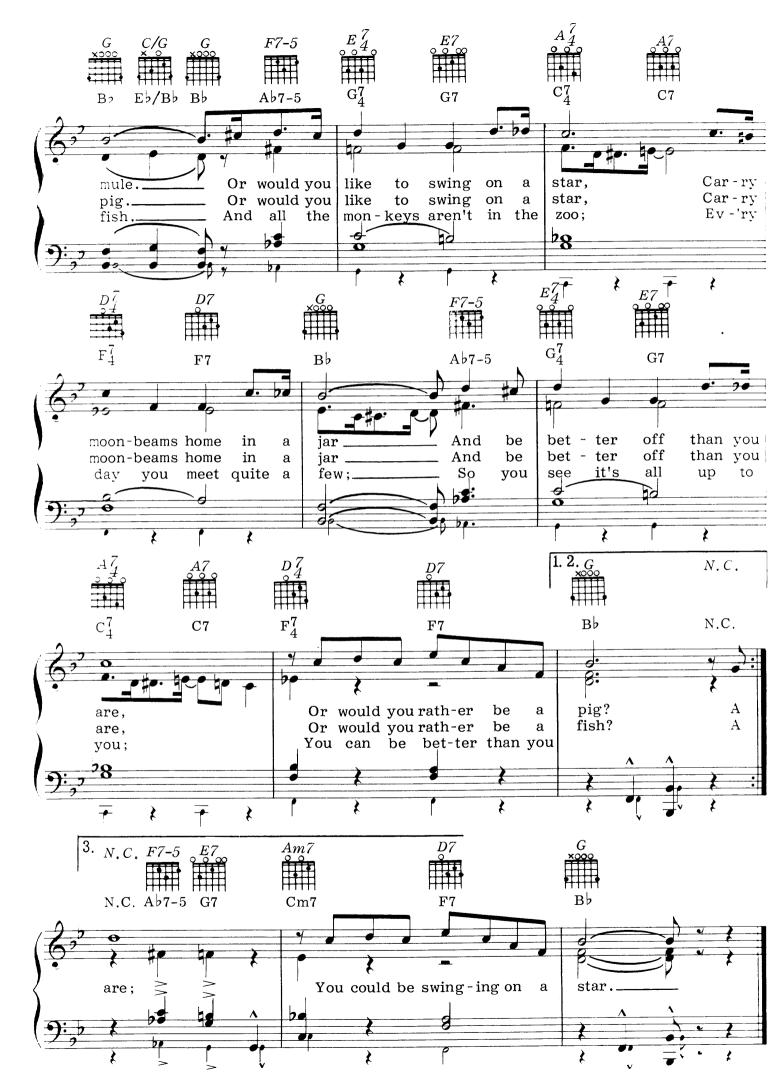
Swinging on a Star

from Going My Way

According to composer Jimmy Van Heusen, Bing Crosby himself inspired "Swinging on a Star," an Oscar winner in 1944. One night when Van Heusen and lyricist Johnny Burke were at Crosby's home for dinner, one of the Crosby boys was acting up and Bing asked him sternly, "What do you want to be -amule?" This turned out to be inspiration enough for the writers. whose assignment for the film Going My Way had been to come up with a song that would be the equivalent of teaching the Ten Commandments in a lighthearted, jaunty manner.







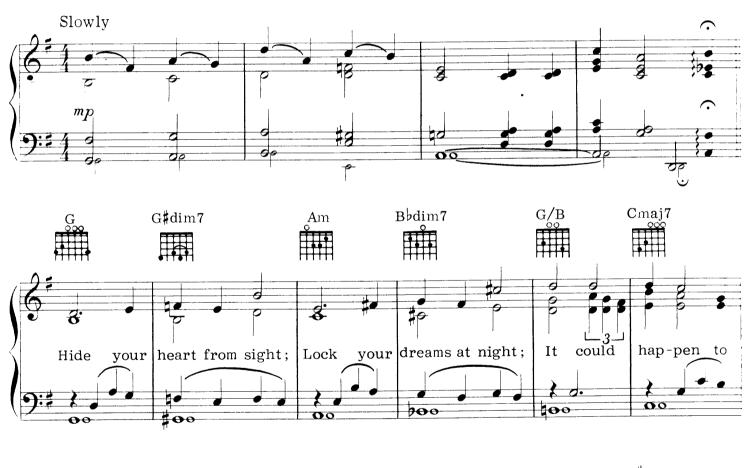
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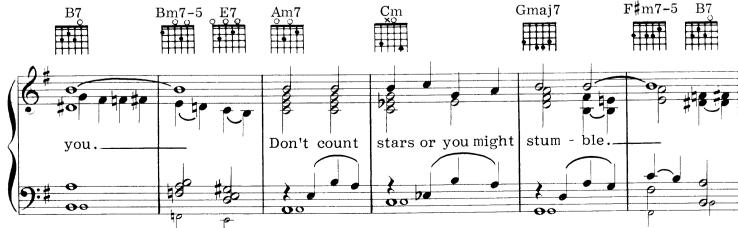


from And the Angels Sing

"It Could Happen to You" is both a warning to guard against romantic involvement and an admission that the singer is unable to heed the advice. The song dates back to 1944 and the Paramount musical And the Angels Sing, in which Dorothy Lamour sang it to Fred MacMurray while they were sitting at a table in a restaurant. The prolific songwriting team of composer Jimmy Van Heusen and lyricist Johnny Burke flourished in Hollywood for some 13 years—from 1940 to 1953—during which time they fashioned 200-odd songs for about two dozen movies, mostly at Paramount and mostly for Bing Crosby.

Words by Johnny Burke; Music by Jimmy Van Heusen





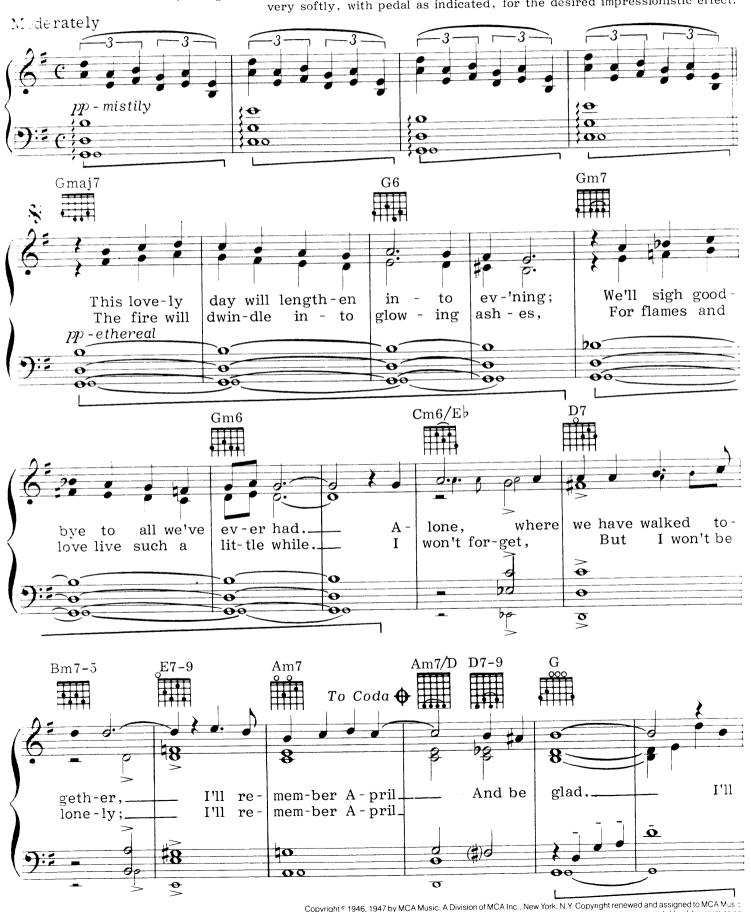


I'LL REMEMBER APRIL from Ride 'em Cowboy

A Bough Gene de Paul and Don Raye did not write "I'll Earnamber April" for the 1942 movie Ride 'em Cowboy, ... reducer put the song in anyway, with little attempt - make it fit the situation in which it was sung. In the scene, Dick Foran takes Anne Gwynne for a horseback ride at midnight. After reaching the top of a hill, they dismount and Dick sings the heartfelt - if puzzling line, "This lovely day will lengthen into ev'ning."

Words and Music by Don Raye, Gene de Paul and Pat Johnston

Performing note: It's crucial to play the introduction and first eight measures of the chorus very softly, with pedal as indicated, for the desired impressionistic effect.





You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me

from Forty-Second Street

Warner Brothers' classic 1933 screen musical Forty-Second Street which in 1980 also became a classic stage musical) contained no less than four all-time standards by Harry Warren and Al Dubin—the title song, "Young and Healthy," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and this song, "You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me." Since Forty-Second Street tells of the trials and eventual

Words by Al Dubin



triumph of a Broadway-bound musical comedy, it is not too surprising that this jaunty number is performed during a rehearsal. In the scene, Bebe Daniels, as the star of the show within the show, resists habit-forming attachments with four personable young men and then—as a comic twist—dances merrily offstage with an actor dressed like Mahatma Gandhi.

Music by Harry Warren





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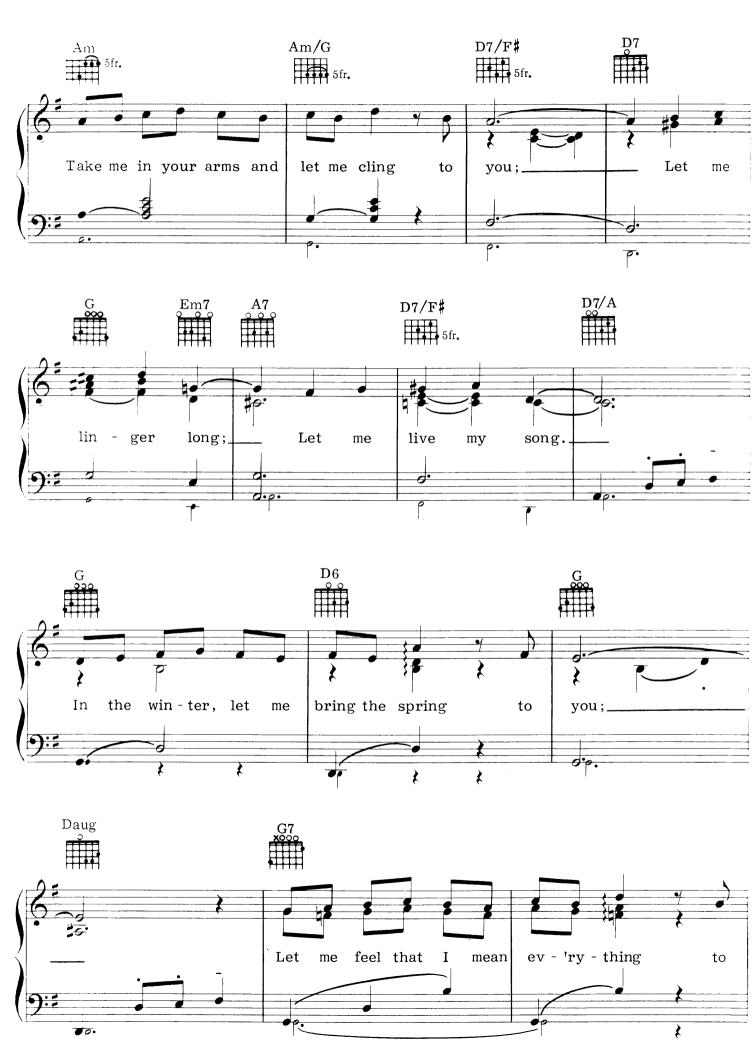
Shadow Waltz

from Gold Diggers of 1933

"Shadow Waltz" provided choreographer Busby Berkeley with one of his most memorable creations for the musical Gold Diggers of 1933. Featured as part of an elaborate Broadway revue, the song is first introduced intimately enough by Dick Powell, in white formal attire, singing it to Ruby Keeler, wearing a blonde wig and a white evening gown. Soon the scene expands and we are transported to a stageful of girls all wearing blonde wigs and white gowns. seemingly playing white violins as they glide up and down, over and under a series of ramps and platforms.

Words by Al Dubin; Music by Harry Warren







Thanks for the Xemory from The Big Broadcast of 1938 Words and Music by Leo Robin and Ralph Rainger

Comedian Bob Hope made his screen debut in The Big Broadcast of 1938 in the typical role of a glib, wisecracking master of ceremonies aboard a huge ocean liner. But one scene, at the ship's bar, gave him and Shirley Ross, as his former wife, the chance to introduce this wistful, conversational

recollection of some of their most fondly shared moments. One line of the original lyrics, however, ran into censorship trouble. Because "That weekend at Niag'ra when we never saw the Falls" was deemed off-color, lyricist Robin obliged by changing the word "never" to "hardly."







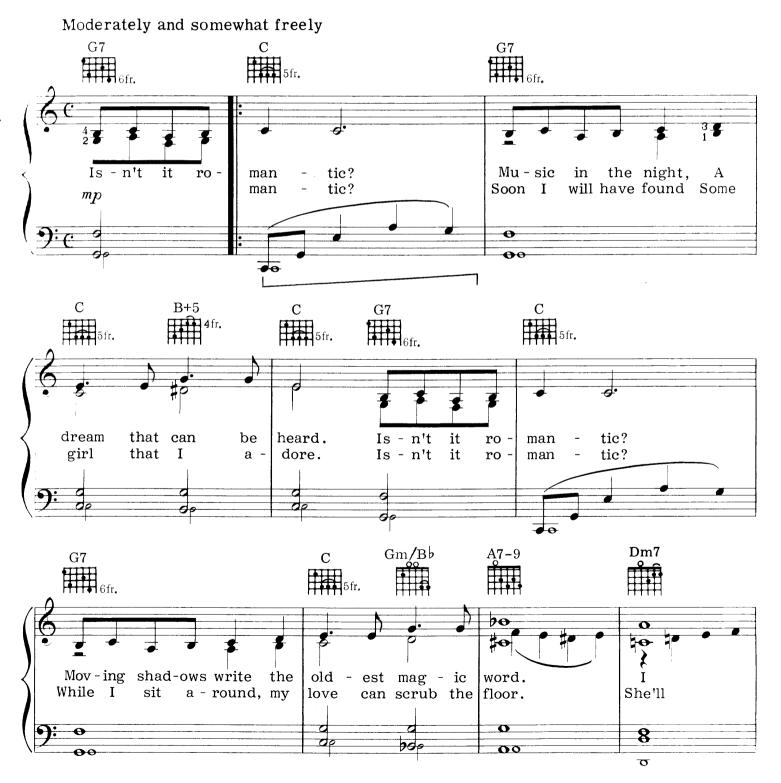
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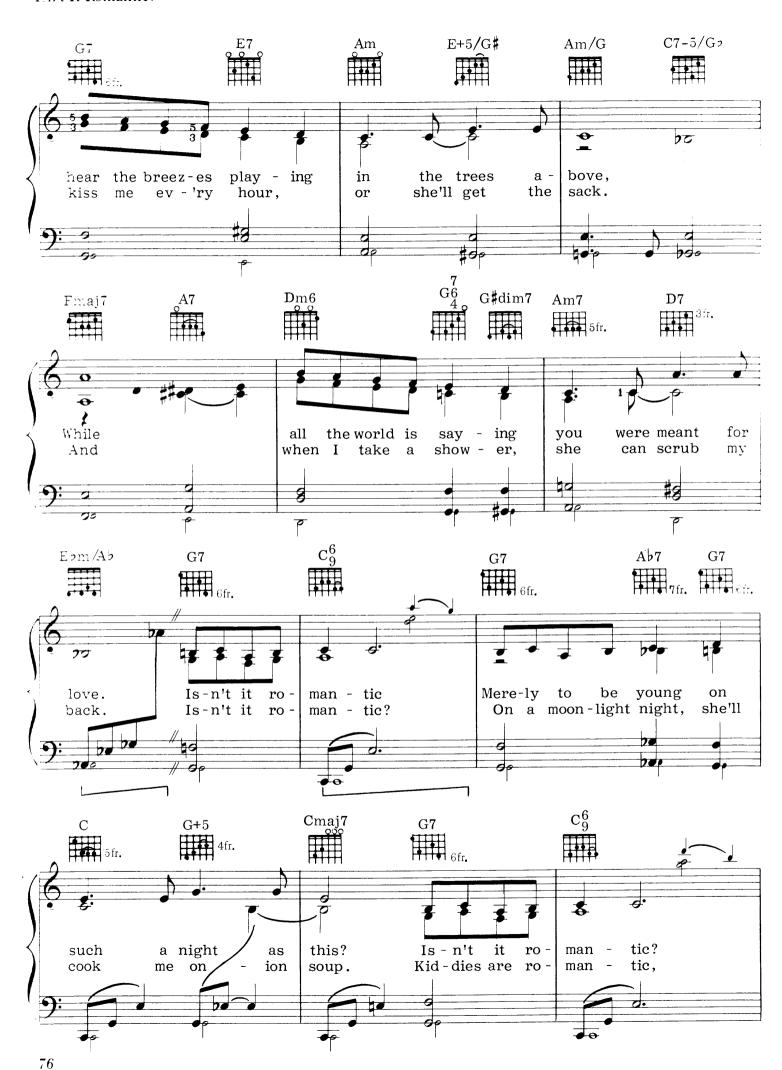
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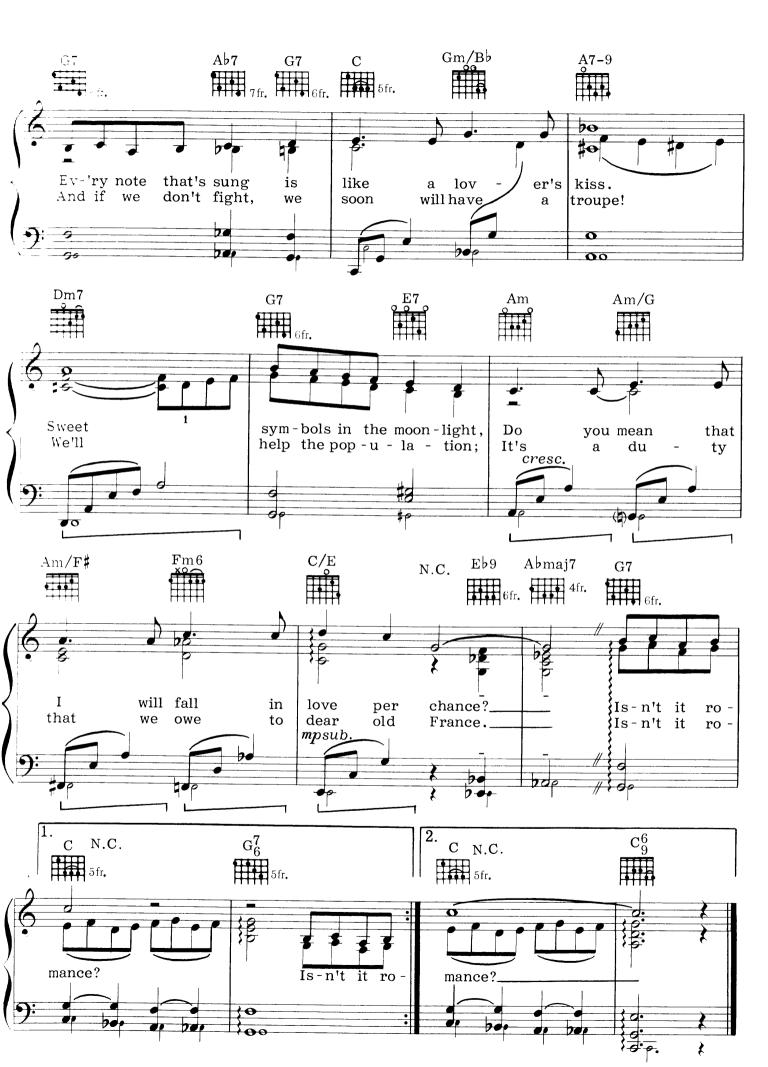
In Paramount's 1932 release Love Me Tonight, "Isn't It Romantic?" was not merely presented as a duet for the film's leads, Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald, but as the means by which the movie changed locations. After Chevalier sings it to a customer in his Paris tailor shop, the ballad is repeated by various people in a taxi and on a train, by soldiers marching in the country and eventually by Princess Jeanette who hears it and sings it leaning out of a window of her château.

Words and Music by Lorenz Hart and Richard Rodgers











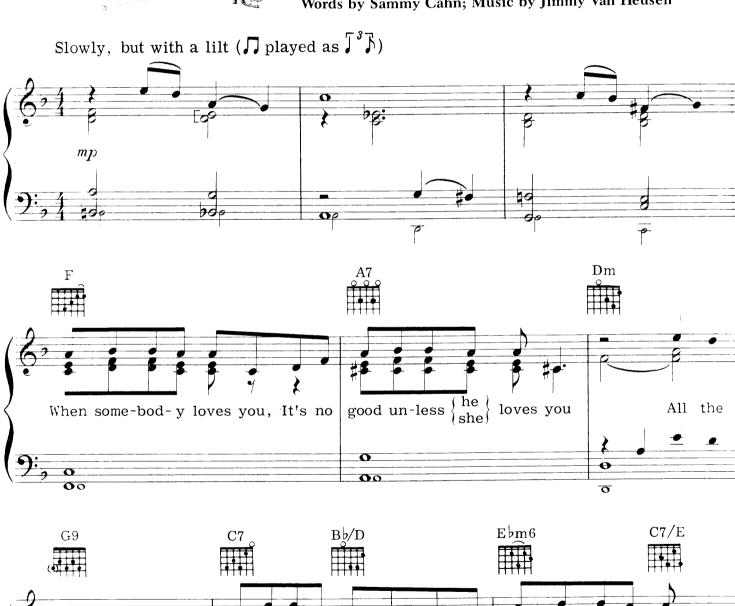
All the Way

from The Joker Is Wild

When, in 1957, Frank Sinatra was cast as nightclub comedian Joe E. Lewis in the film biography The Joker Is Wild, the part was altered to make Lewis more of a singer than a comic. Most of the songs were standards, but Jimmy Van Heusen and Sammy Cahn did supply Sinatra with a new tailor-made and memorable ballad, "All the Way," which won an Oscar for Best Song that year. Actually, the song served an important function in the plot, since it was written to dramatize Lewis's loss of voice. According to Van Heusen, "The big jump musically at the end of the second bar to the middle of the third bar was specifically designed to be difficult to sing."

Words by Sammy Cahn; Music by Jimmy Van Heusen

Hap-py to be near you, When you | need some-one to cheer you



way.







SECTION 3 Unforgettable Hits from Broadway Shows



I May Be Wrong

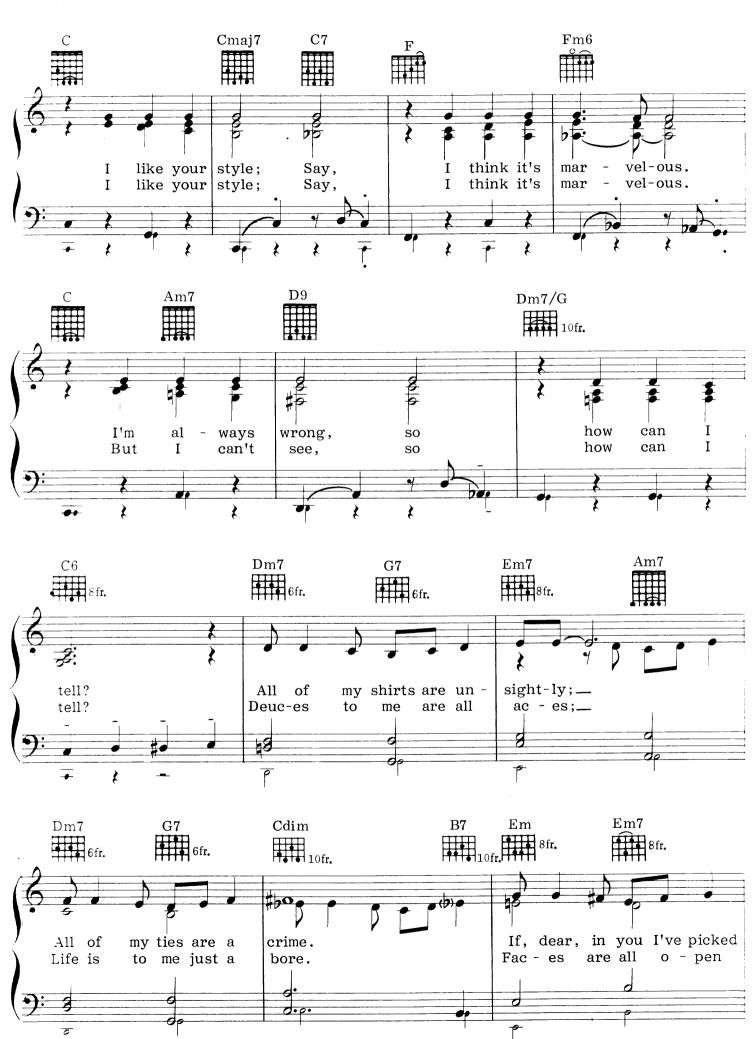
But I Think You're Wonderful!)

from Murray Anderson's Almanac

John Murray Anderson, one of Broadway's leading directors of revues, firmly believed that the best songs are created under pressure. In 1929, when he was preparing the show called Murray Anderson's Almanac, he put his theory into practice by locking composer Henry Sullivan in a room with a piano and threatening to keep him there until he had come up with a song with hit potential. In this case, the drastic measure worked: "I May Be Wrong (But I Think You're Wonderful!)," which was introduced by Trixie Friganza and Jimmy Savo, turned out to be the most popular number in the show.

Words by Harry Ruskin; Music by Henry Sullivan







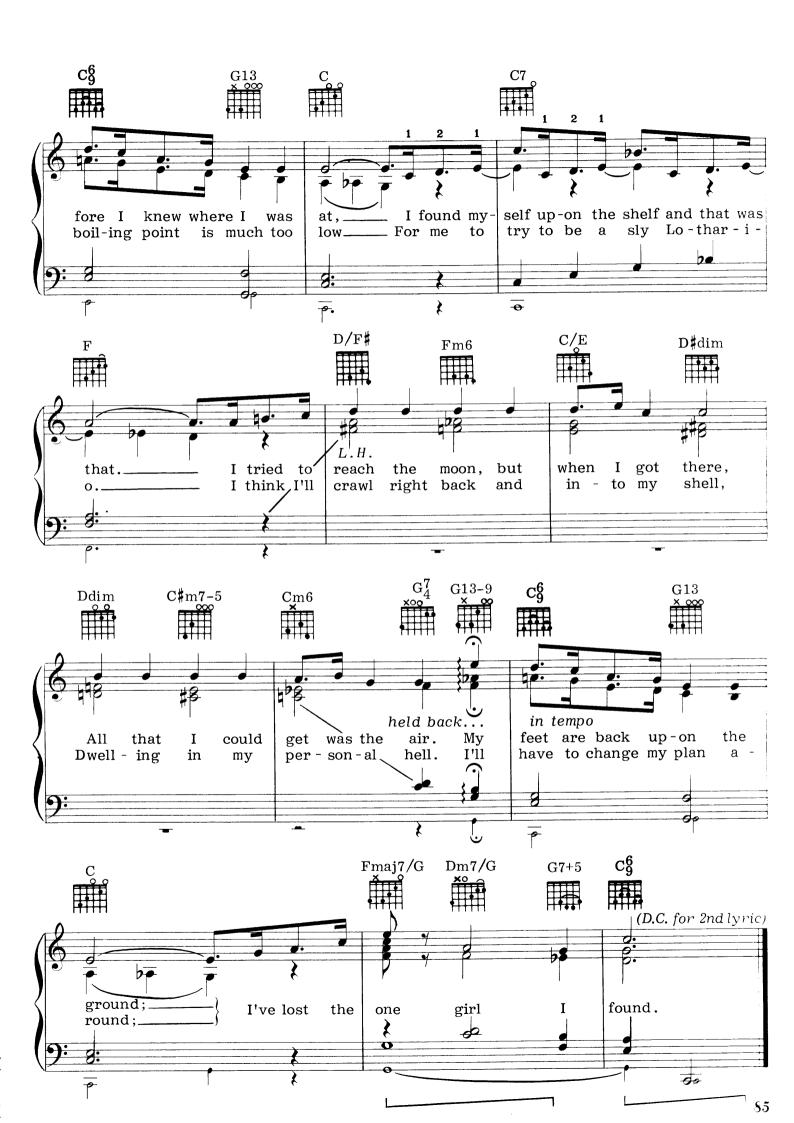
I Guess I'll Have to Change My Plan

from The Little Show

Though this was a hit for Clifton Webb in the 1929 revue The Little Show, the melody dated back to 1924, when Arthur Schwartz and his fellow summer-camp counselor Lorenz Hart wrote songs for a revue at the camp. One of them began, "I love to lie awake in bed! Right after taps! pull the flaps! Above my head." Later, when Schwartz's music was mated to a lyric by Howard Dietz, the song became a jaunty acceptance of the end of a love affair.

Words by Howard Dietz; Music by Arthur Schwartz





Love Me or Leave Me

from Whoopee

One of the most engaging pop songs ever written, this all-or-nothing proposal was introduced by Ruth Etting in the 1928 Florenz Ziegfeld production Whoopee. Actually, all Miss Etting had to do in the show was to sing two songs in the first act and "Love Me or Leave Me" in the second. Neither the character she played — a movie star — nor the songs she sang had anything to do with the plot of the musical, in which Eddie Cantor capered as a hypochondriac in an Indian encampment.

Words by Gus Kahn; Music by Walter Donaldson





MY ROMPINCE

from Jumbo

Words by Lorenz Hart; Music by Richard Rodgers

Jumbo was a gargantuan hybrid — one part musical comedy, one part circus — that Billy Rose produced at New York's Hippodrome. Featuring Jimmy Durante and Paul Whiteman's orchestra, it offered spectacle to dazzle the eye and a melodious Rodgers and Hart score to enchant the ear. Among the musical pleasures was this sincere but sensible view of romance, which was sung by Gloria Grafton and Donald Novis.



Players with smaller hands use small notes instead of bass notes throughout.





For starz by Donald Novis to Gloria Grafton 1935 musical Jumbo, this lilting waltz is a time example of Rodgers and Hart at their example creative. Instead of composing the time conventional 32 bars, they extended it T. And though the form is basic "A-A-B-A," the time "A" sections run to 16 bars each, the beaution or release) to 15, and there is an 8-

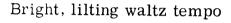
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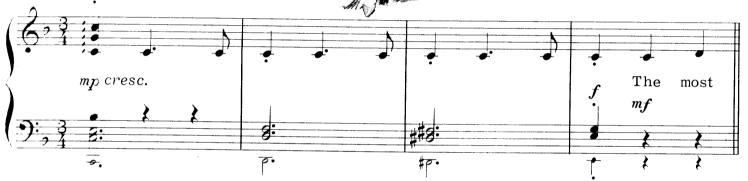
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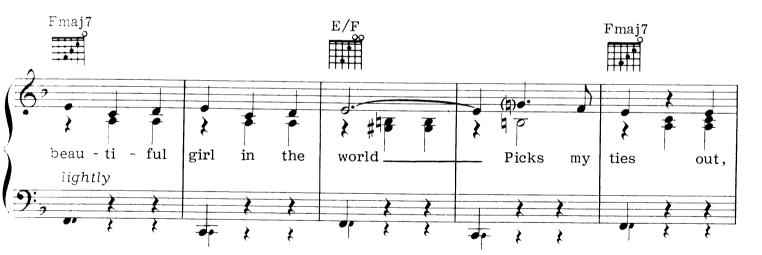
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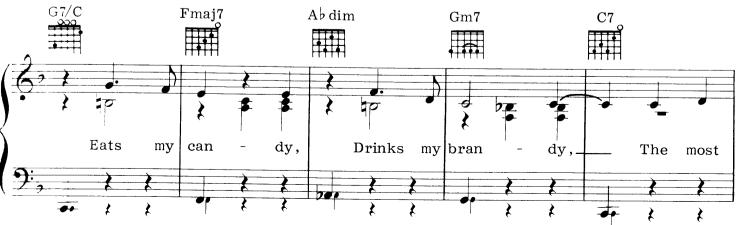
bar tag that completes the thought in the final "A" theme. As for the lyric, while it is a hyperbolic but sincere expression for the most beautiful girl in the world, Larry Hart brought the sentiment down to earth with such surprises as rhyming "Dietrich" with "sweet trick" and by revealing that the girl is a natural beauty with no need for platinum hair.

Music by Richard Rodgers















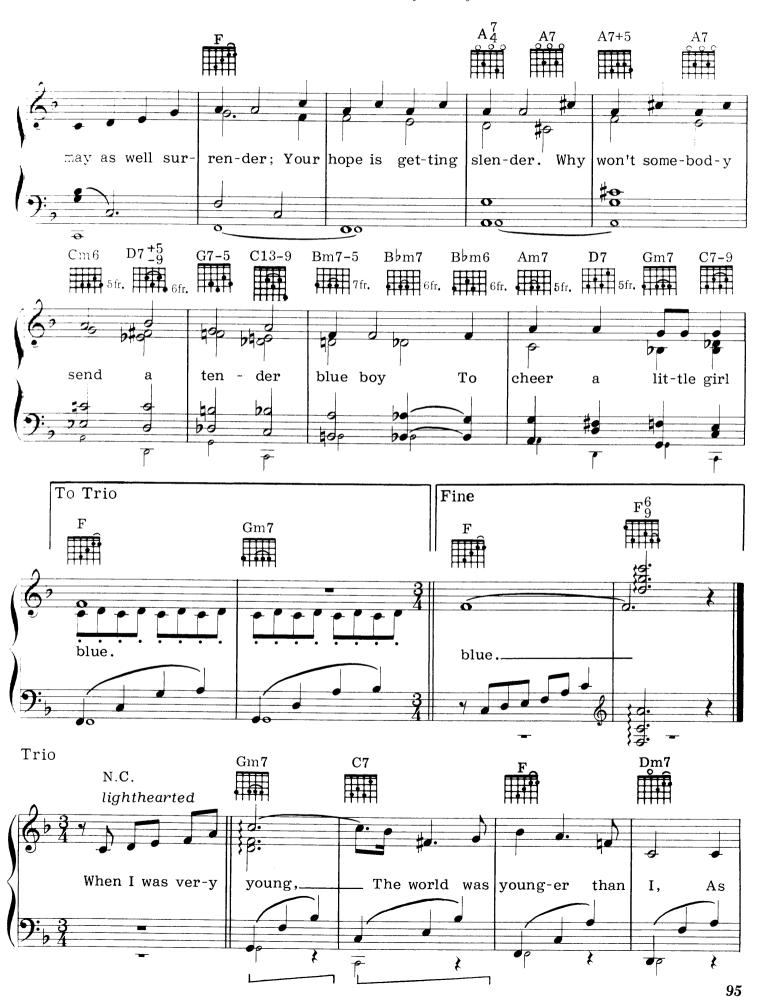
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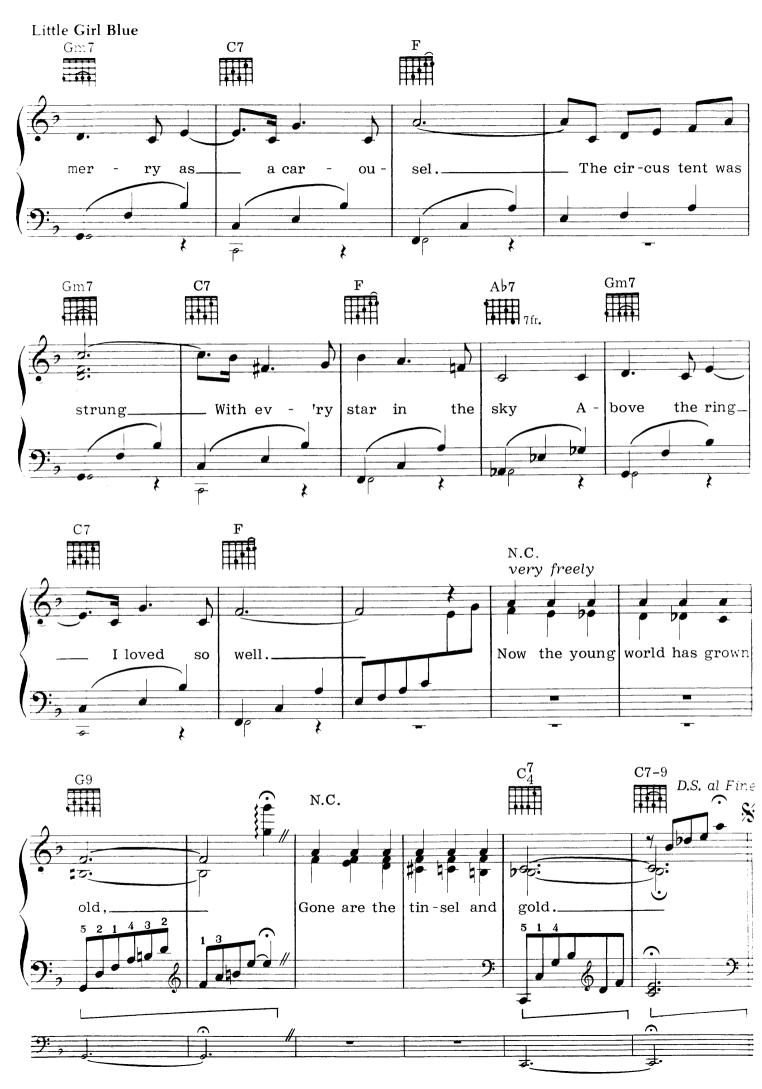
from Jumbo



During the 1930s, Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart—who had been spending their time in near-oblivion in Hollywood—were goaded into returning to New York by a newspaper column item that asked "Whatever happened to Rodgers and Hart?"

As soon as their MGM contract ended, they were on the next train heading East. Their first assignment there: Jumbo, for which "Little Girl Blue," sung by Gloria Grafton, provided the musical setting for a bluetinted first act finale.





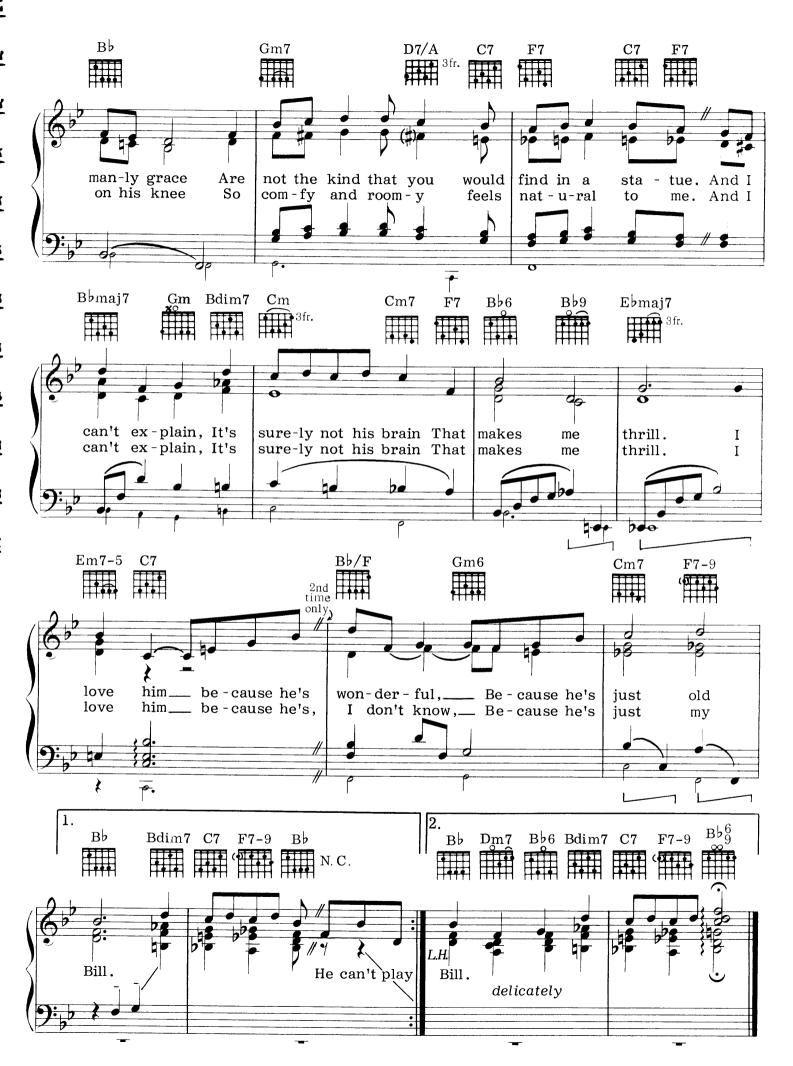
BILL from Show Boat

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II and P. G. Wodehouse; Music by Jerome Kern

This immortal torch song, which Helen Morgan introduced in Show Boat in 1927, was originally written by Jerome Kern and P. G. Wodehouse for a 1918 musical called Oh, Lady! Lady!!, but it proved inappropriate since the play's Bill was not the unattractive nonentity it described. When Kern needed a tear-stained number for Show Boat, he pulled "Bill" out of his "trunk" of unused songs, and Oscar Hammerstein gave a helping hand with the words.





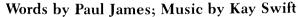


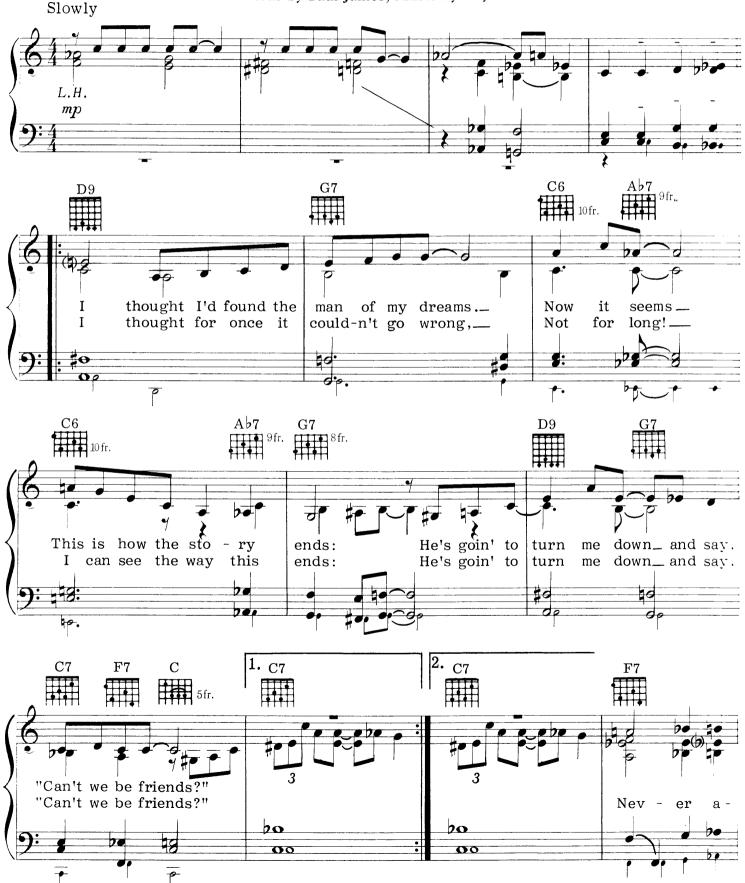
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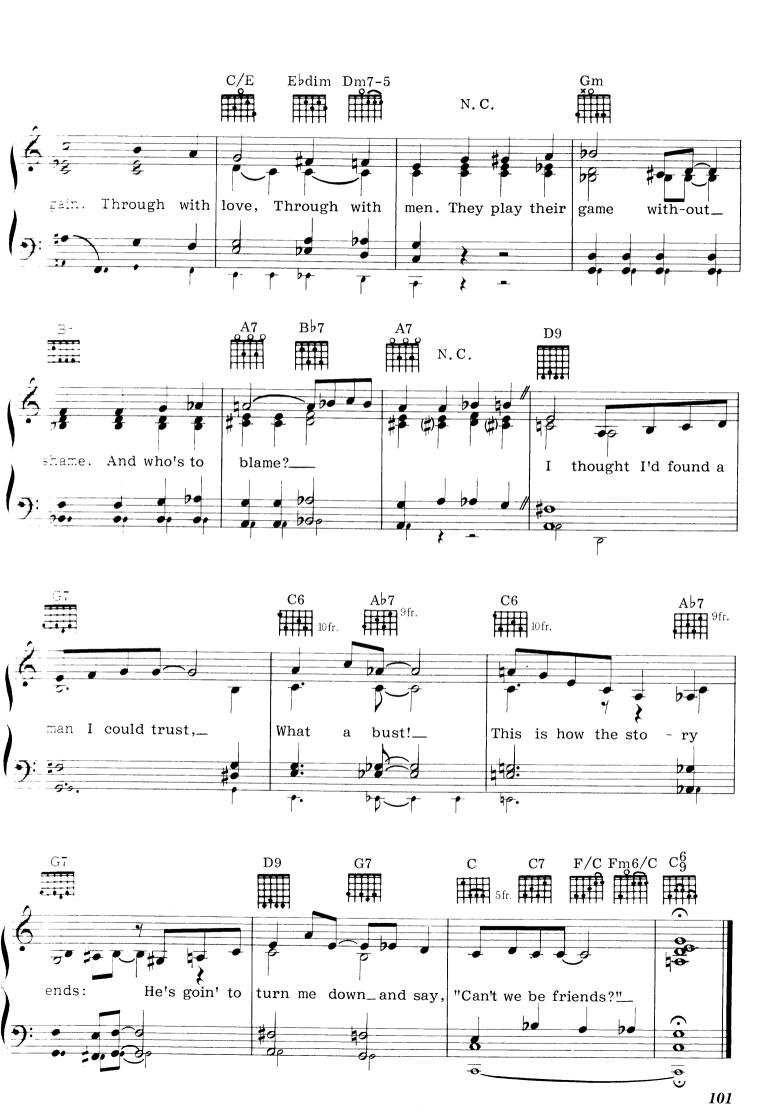
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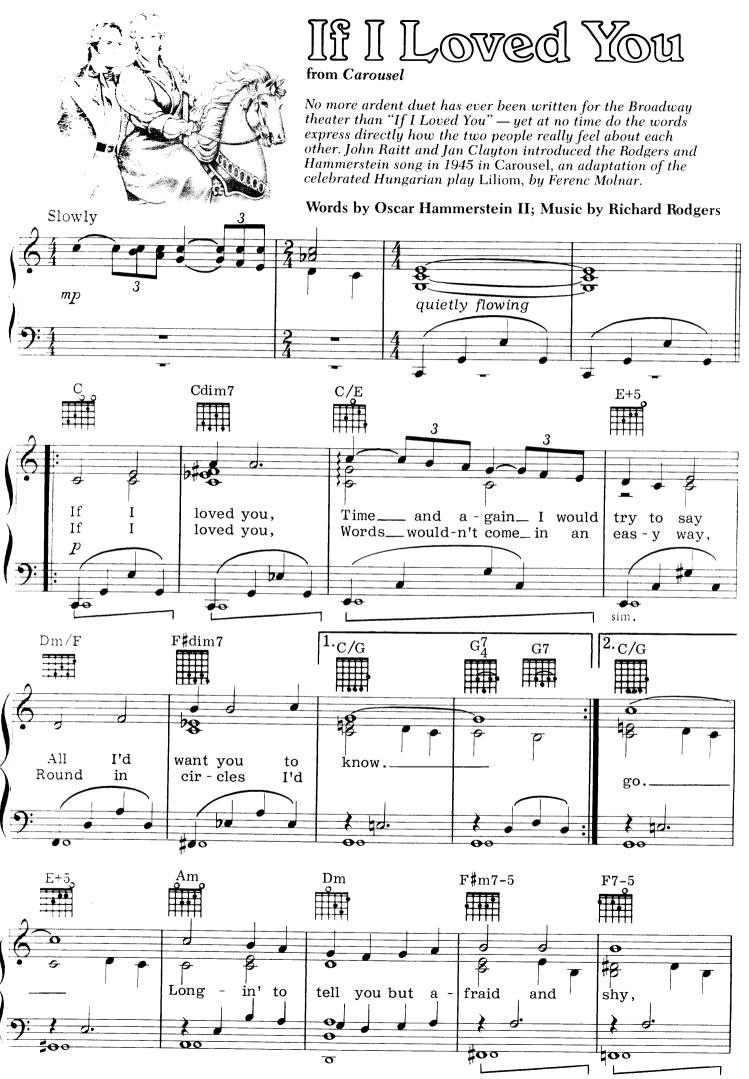
When composer Kay Swift first played for Libby Holman the music of what would later become "Can't We Be Friends?," the singer was so enthusiastic about it that a lyric was soon added by Miss Swift's husband and songwriting partner, Paul James (who was better known in banking circles as

James Paul Warburg). Miss Holman introduced the torch ballad in her next appearance, the 1929 revue The Little Show, wearing a then-daring strapless red evening gown. According to Howard Dietz, who helped organize the revue, the number stopped the show at every performance.











Sometimes I'm Happy

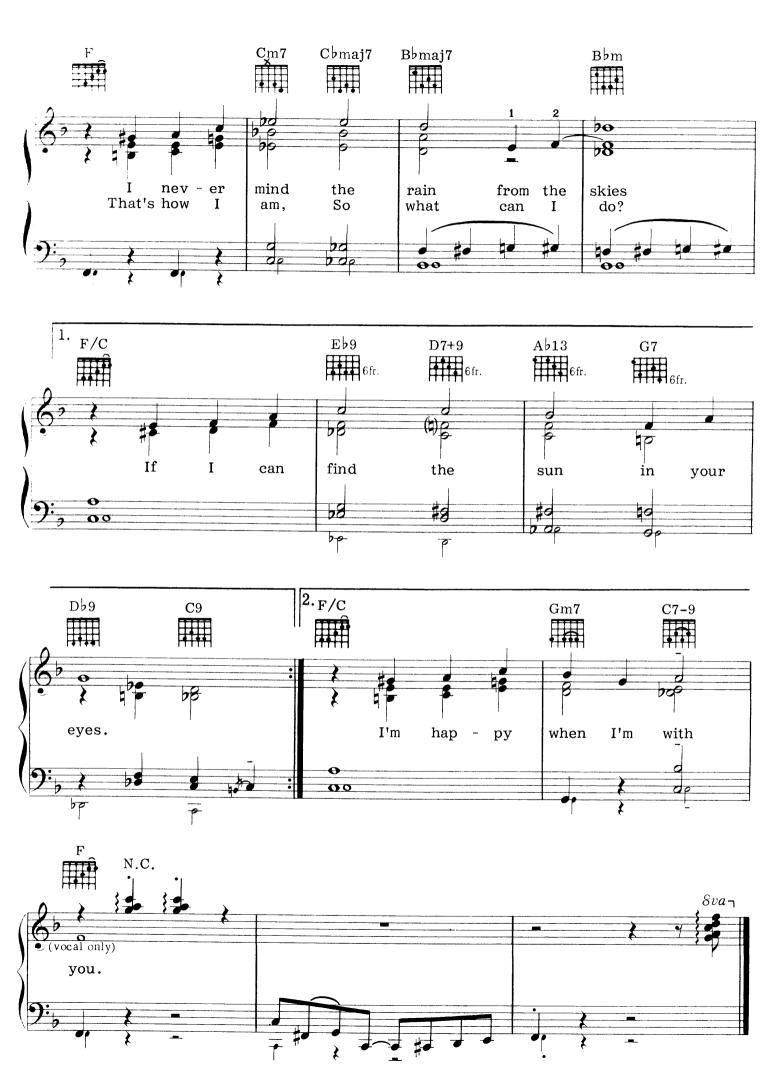
from Hit the Deck

"Sometimes I'm Happy" became a standard through a somewhat circuitous route. The melody, though with a snappier tempo, was first composed by Vincent Youmans in 1923 to a lyric co-written by Oscar Hammerstein II and called "Come On and Pet Me." But the song was never used in the musical for which it had been intended, and two years later, with a new lyric by Irving Caesar, it turned up under its current title in another show. This production, however, never got any closer to New York than Philadelphia. "Sometimes I'm Happy" finally made it to immortality in 1927, when, as sung by Louise Groody and Charles King, it became the hit of Hit the Deck.



Words by Irving Caesar; Music by Vincent Youmans





I Got Rhythm

from Girl Crazy

When on October 14, 1930, the opening night of Girl Crazy, Ethel Merman stepped to the footlights and belted out the Gershwin brothers' compelling announcement "I Got Rhythm," there was no question that a new Broadway star had been born. As the singer recalled, "On the second chorus I just held the 'I' . . . one long note . . . while the orchestra played the tune. The audience started clapping after about four bars, clapping, clapping, clapping, and they didn't stop till I'd done I don't know how many encores. It was like electricity."

Words by Ira Gershwin; Music by George Gershwin







Somebody Loves Me

from George White's Scandals

Broadway revues were once a great training ground for composers and lyricists who later went on to create complete scores for book musicals. The series of annual George White's Scandals, which began in 1919, enjoyed the services of George Gershwin, who composed songs for five editions, three of them with lyricist B. G. DeSylva. For the 1924 production, Gershwin's last, he and DeSylva (with co-lyricist Ballard Macdonald) contributed "Somebody Loves Me," which was introduced by Winnie Lightner.



Words by Ballard Macdonald and B. G. DeSylva; Music by George Gershwin





from Strike Up the Band

Words by Ira Gershwin

Strike Up the Band is one of the rare Broadway musicals to have received a second chance. When the anti-war satire was first tried out in 1927, it was considered too bitter, and it didn't get beyond its tryout date in Philadelphia. But the show was then revised, rescored and recast, and it went on to enjoy a successful Broadway run in 1930. "Soon," which was written for the new production but based on a theme from the original show, was a romantic duet for juveniles Margaret Schilling and Jerry Goff.



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Who Cares?

from Of Thee I Sing

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Words by Ira Gershwin; Music by George Gershwin

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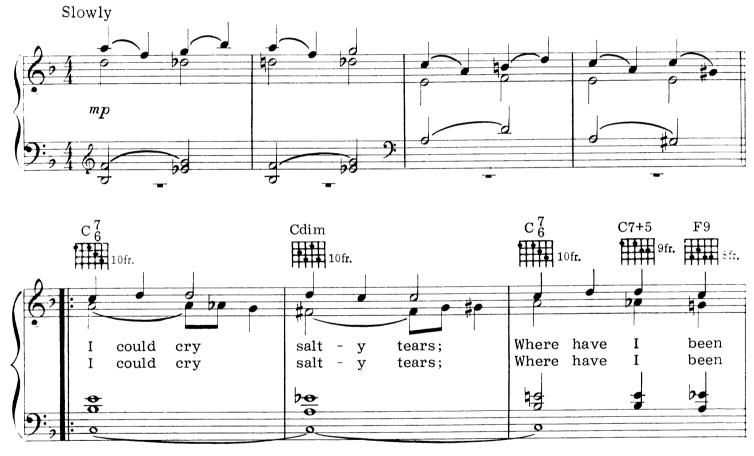
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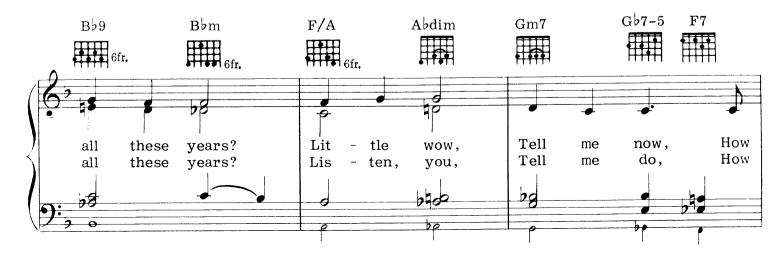
from Rosalie

Rosalie is generally recalled as a spectacular MGM musical with songs by Cole Porter. Actually, the movie was based on a 1928 musical of the same title with a score written in part by George and Ira Gershwin, and it was in that production that this ballad was first sung on Broadway. The song, however, dates back to the previous year, when it was written for Funny Face. Though introduced by Adele Astaire and Stanley Ridges during the out-of-town tryout, it was replaced — for some unaccountable reason — by "He Loves and She Loves."

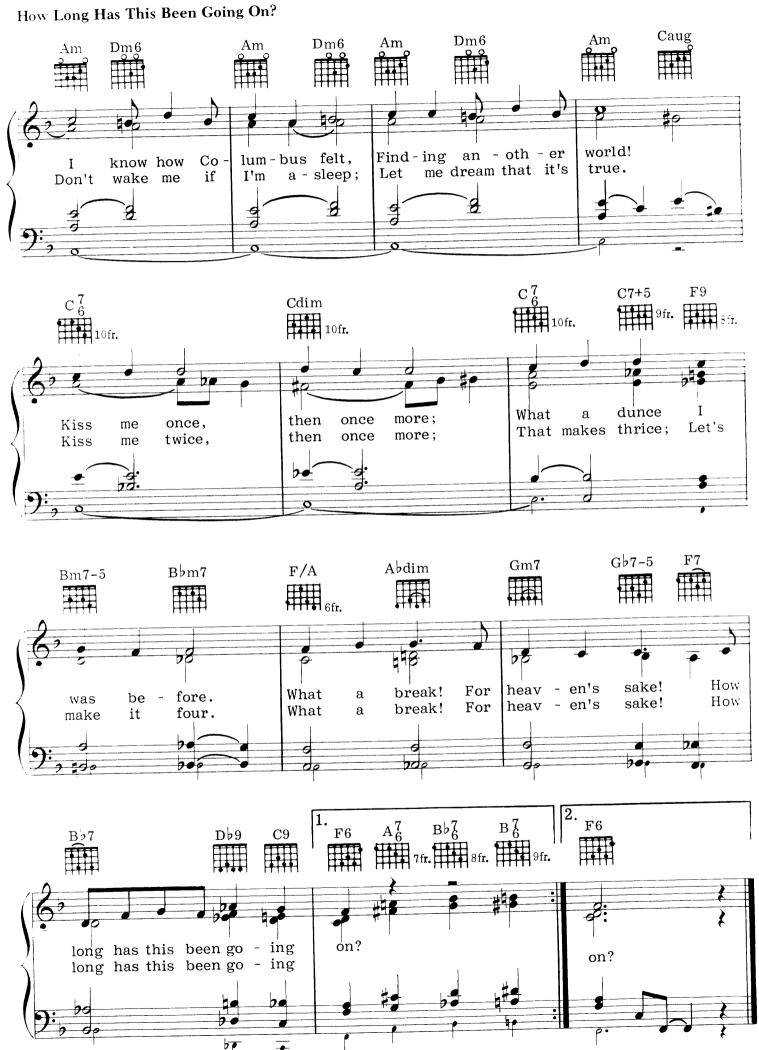


Words by Ira Gershwin; Music by George Gershwin









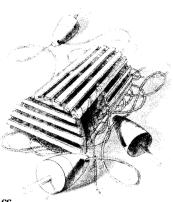


SECTION 4 Vocal Hits of the '40s and '50s

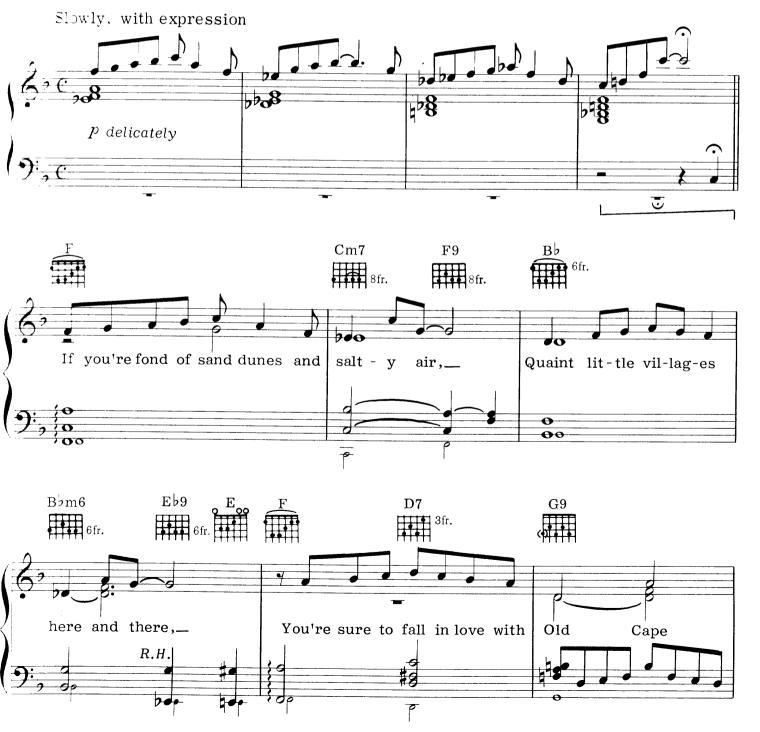




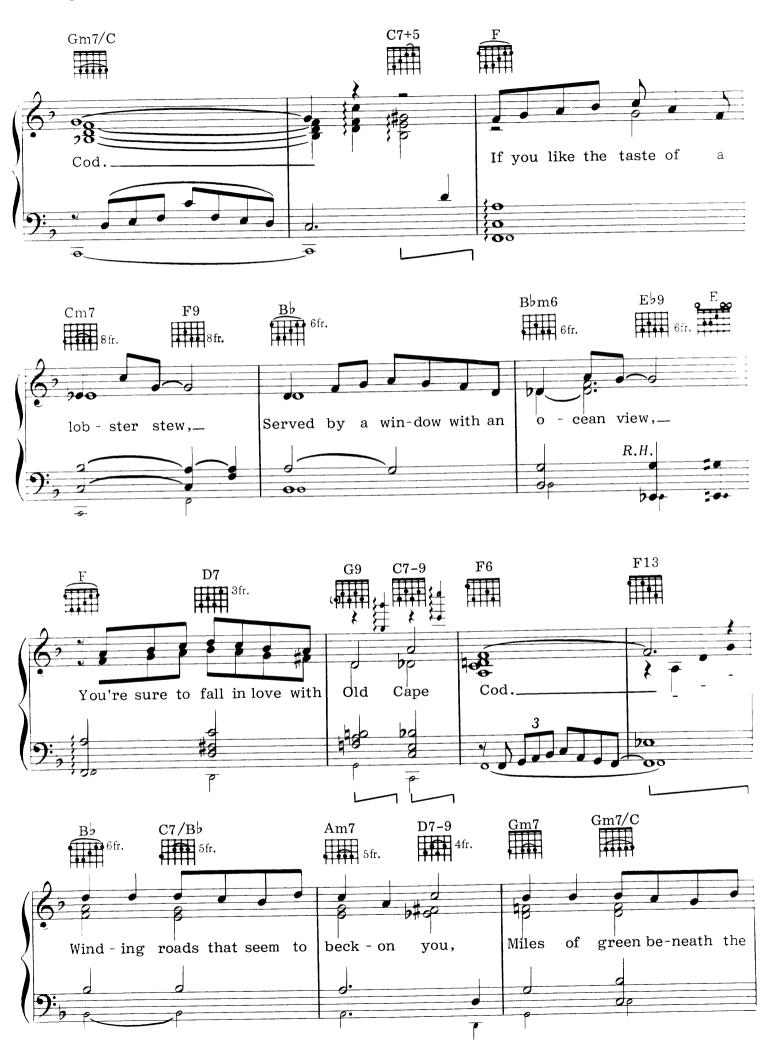
It's a continuing wonder that Cape Cod, that "bared and bended arm of Massachusetts," in Henry Thoreau's words, can mean so many different things to those who know it from generation to generation. Retreat and tourist center, sandbar and sanctuary, it can fire the imagination and spirit as can few other North American seacoast sites. "If you're fond of sand dunes and salty air," says this 1956 hit, a milestone in the career of singer Patti Page, "you're sure to fall in love with Old Cape Cod." It's as true as it ever was, as thousands of visitors crossing Cape Cod Canal every summer will happily attest.

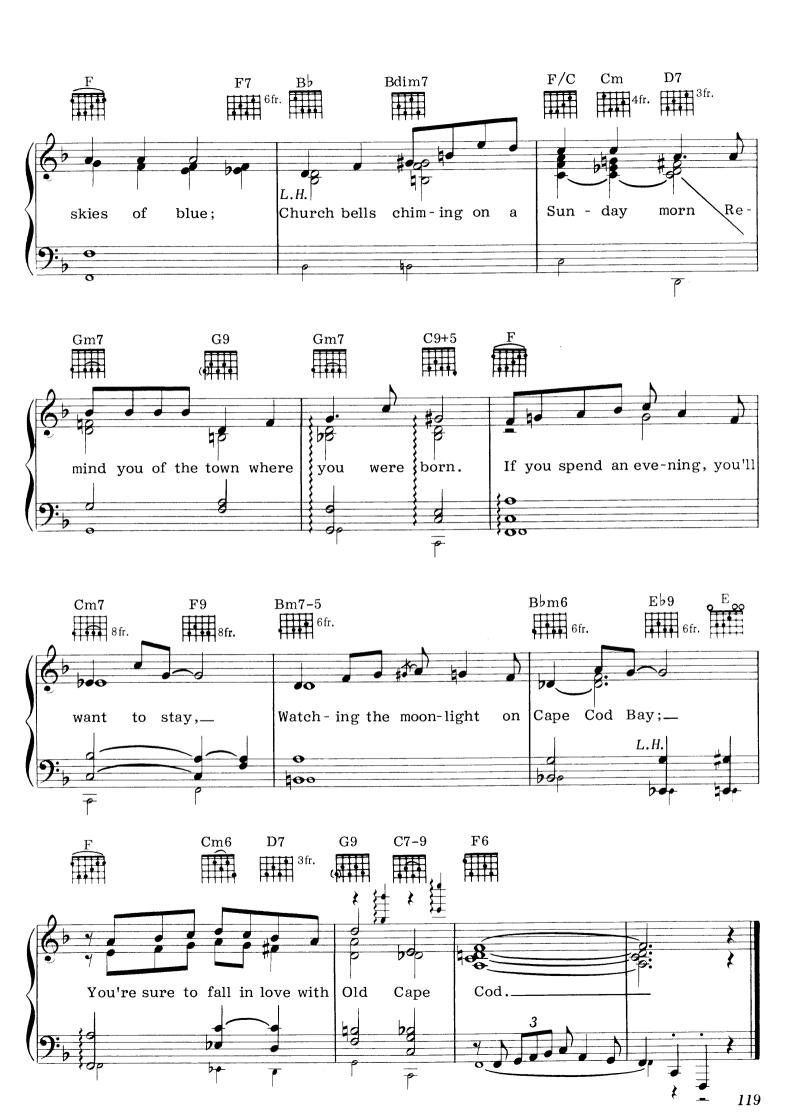


Words and Music by Claire Rothrock, Milt Yakus and Allan Jeffrey



Old Cape Cod





DREAM

Words and Music by Johnny Mercer

Johnny Mercer, one of the greatest of all lyricists, wrote both words and music to this enduring hit. According to bandleader-arranger Paul Weston, who snapped it up as the theme song for his popular radio show, Mercer had reservations about it — or at least one note of it: the sixth note of the melody, falling on the word "blue." "I think that note almost 'makes' the song," said Weston, "and I convinced Johnny to let it stay." It was fortunate for us all — and, as Dan Fox's rich voicing over a loping bass figure shows, helps give Mercer's classic its extra poignancy.



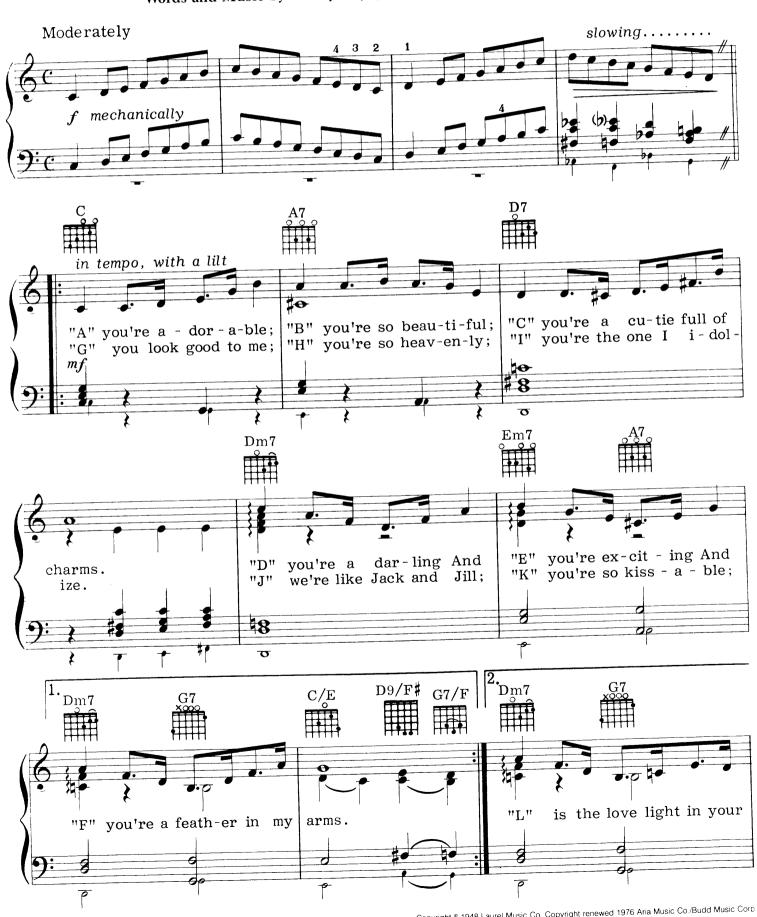


"A"=YOU"RE ADORABLE

(The Alphabet Song)

This lover's tour of the alphabet was an instant hit when it appeared in 1949 and has endured — not just because it's a clever novelty but also because it's a well-crafted love song expressing sentiments that never go out of fashion. Its writers had plenty of practice: composer Sidney Lippman had turned out "My Sugar Is So Refined" and "Chickery Chick," and lyricist Buddy Kaye had produced "Don't Be a Baby, Baby" and "A Penny a Kiss, a Penny a Hug."

Words and Music by Buddy Kaye, Fred Wise and Sidney Lippman



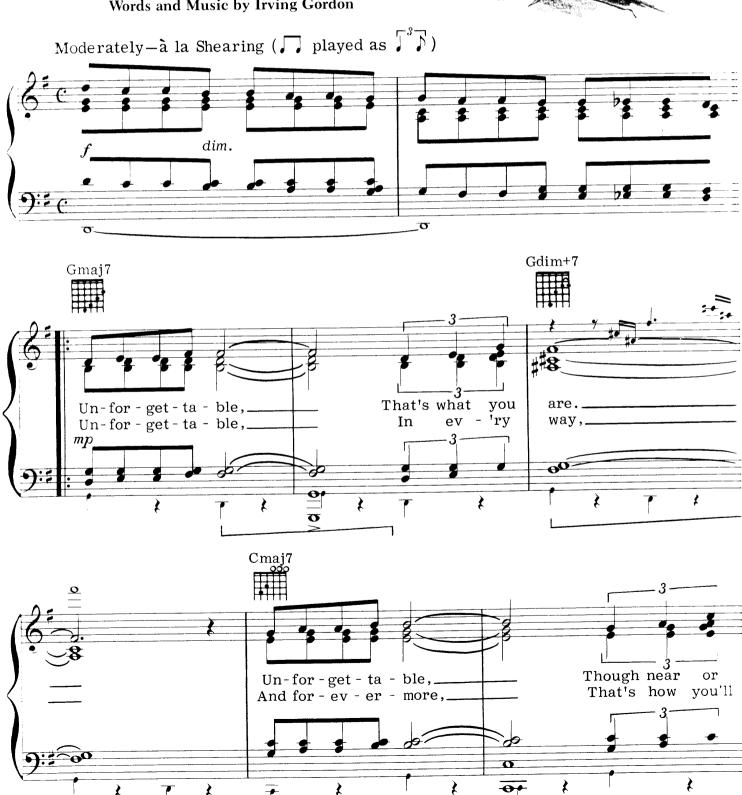


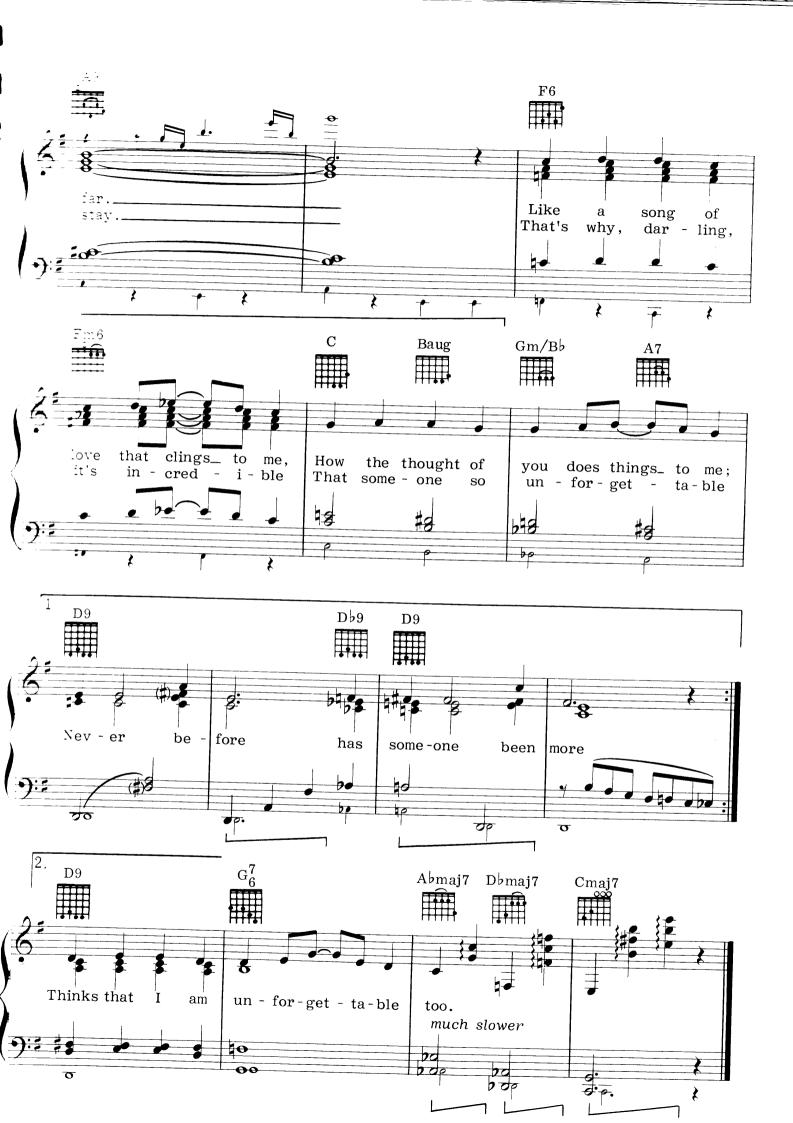
UNFORGETTABLE

Nat King Cole's lasting success as a popular ballad singer cost the world of jazz one of its most extraordinary pianists. But as the list of hits grew longer, there seemed less time for Cole the keyboard wizard. "Unforgettable" was released in 1951 and became one of Cole's biggest songs. It's the work of Irving Gordon, whose other credits include "Me, Myself and I," "Be Anything (But Be Mine)" and, in collaboration with Duke Ellington, the immortal "Prelude to a Kiss." Dan Fox's graceful arrangement here has a lilting quality that will evoke in many listeners the beloved spirit of Nat King Cole.

Words and Music by Irving Gordon













COW-COW BOOGIE

When this boogie-woogie cowboy song became a hit in 1942, no one was more surprised — or dismayed — than the artist, pianist Freddie Slack. He had played boogie with Will Bradley's band but launched his own group to play smoother, sweeter music. "Cow-Cow Boogie" put an end to those plans — and shaped the rest of Slack's career and that of his vocalist Ella Mae Morse. The tune was a special favorite in the Southwestern states and during the war brought memories of home to countless servicemen who hailed from those "wide open spaces."

Words and Music by Don Raye, Gene De Paul and Benny Carter



* More skillful players may keep the bass figure from the intro going throughout the song.









Day by Day

Paul Weston and Axel Stordahl, friends since their days with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra, wrote this love song as a follow-up to their first collaboration, "I Should Care." On a recent trip to the Far East, Weston had dinner with friends at the restaurant atop Tokyo's Imperial Hotel. As they walked in, the Japanese pianist was playing and singing "Day by Day." "It reminded me again of what a wonderful, underappreciated musician Axel was," Weston said. "Not the kind of guy to put himself forward — but I don't think anybody has ever written for strings the way he did. And if you need more proof, just listen to 'Day by Day.' It's full of little touches only he could have devised."

Words and Music by Sammy Cahn, Axel Stordahl and Paul Weston





That's All

Words and Music by Alan Brandt and Bob Haymes The record hadn't stopped when the switchboard at New York's WNEW radio began lighting up. The disc jockey, pianist-singer-songwriter Bob Haymes, picked up the first call. "This is Nat Cole," said a familiar voice. "I love that song. Does it have words?" It didn't. Its title was "C'est Tout," and Haymes had written it for an album of orchestral music. But he and friend Alan Brandt whipped up a lyric in a hurry — and Cole recorded it, starting the ascendance of a lovely song into the pantheon of all-time standards.

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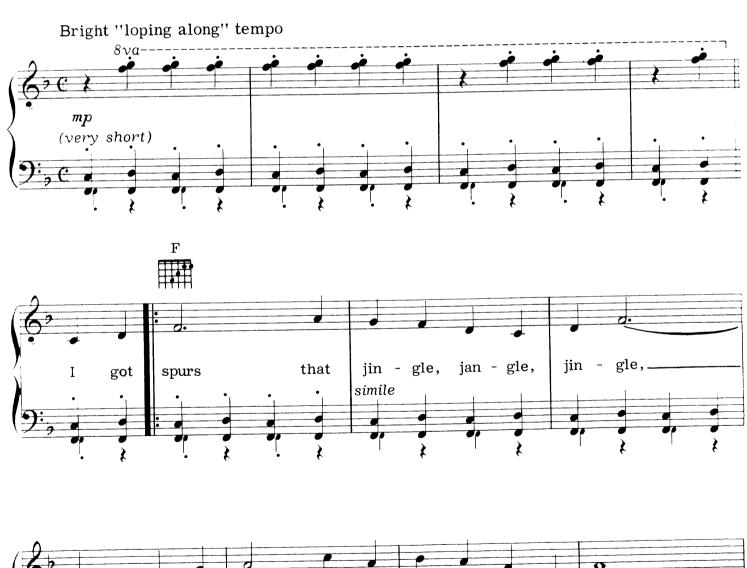


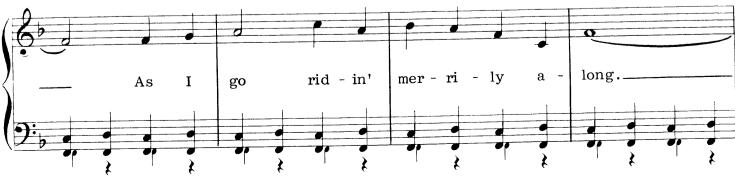


(IGot Spurs) JINGLE JANGLE JINGLE

In 1942, thousands of servicemen on battlefields overseas longed for just an echo, a taste, of home and loved ones left behind. Among the best reminders were pop songs — and few were more popular that year than this lighthearted ditty about the bachelor life, footloose and fancy-free. in cowboy country. It was a collaboration between Frank Loesser — whose "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" was one of the war's lasting hits — and movemusic composer Joseph Lilley. It jingled and jangled on the Hit Parade for 14 weeks, thanks to recordings by bandleader Kay Kyser and The Merry Macs vocal group.

Words by Frank Loesser; Music by Joseph J. Lilley







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SECTION 5 Unforgettable Hits of the '30s

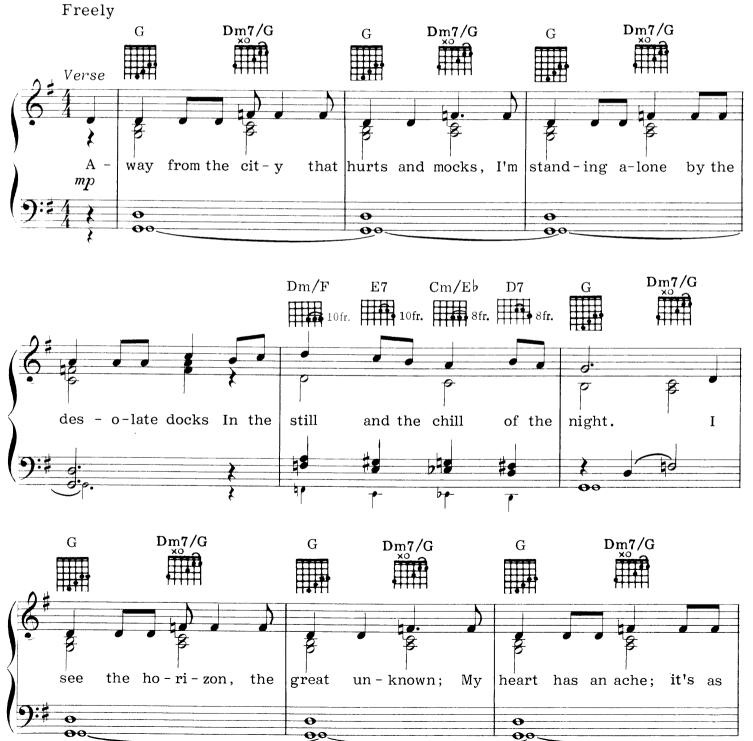


I Cover the Waterfront

I Anny Green's life in music got off to a fast start: as a student at Harvard, he dashed off a light little tune, "Coquette," that became a major hit. Not long after, in eartnership with lyricist Ed Heyman, he turned out "Body and Soul" and "Out of Nowhere," two all-time bassics of American popular song. By 1933, when the

next Green-Heyman gem, "I Cover the Waterfront," appeared, Green was riding high: he had his own band, an offer for his own radio show, a contract to write music for the movies. This song proved an unexpected hit for Louis Armstrong, whose urgent phrasing and gravelly voice lent it an earnest, haunting quality.

Words by Edward Heyman; Music by Johnny Green









Them There Eves

One recent night in a Manhattan night spot, a young singer announced this hallowed 1930 standard, then went into a note-perfect reproduction of Billie Holiday's famed recording. Asked later whether she realized how far from Maceo Pinkard's original melody the Holiday version had strayed, she expressed astonishment. She'd thought the song went that way! In its unaltered form, "Them There Eyes" is a catchy little ditty by the man who contributed such alltime standards as "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Sugar" and "Gimme a Little Kiss, Will Ya Huh?" to American pop music. It remains a perennial favorite.

Words and Music by Maceo Pinkard, William Tracy and Doris Tauber





Them There Eyes



TRY A LITTLE TENDERNESS

Words and Music by Harry Woods, Jimmy Campbell and Reg. Connelly "Try a Little Tenderness" appeared in 1932 and struck a responsive chord in Depressionweary North Americans. Morale was low, money and jobs scarce. In many cases, all that a man and woman had was each other. A song urging them to be kind and loving to one another was a medicine for the melancholy of those times — and for ours as well.







That Old Feeling

Sammy Fain can lay just claim to being among the best and least known of all the great American songwriters. He ranks with Irving Berlin and Harry Warren in sheer numbers of lasting hits — "When I Take My Sugar to Tea," "I Can Dream, Can't I?," "I'll Be Seeing You," "Secret Love" and dozens more among them. Yet somehow the public doesn't always link his hits with his name. "Did he write that, too?" is a frequently asked question. It's certainly true of this reminder of enduring love, a collaboration with Lew Brown for the movie Vogues of 1938.

Words and Music by Lew Brown and Sammy Fain





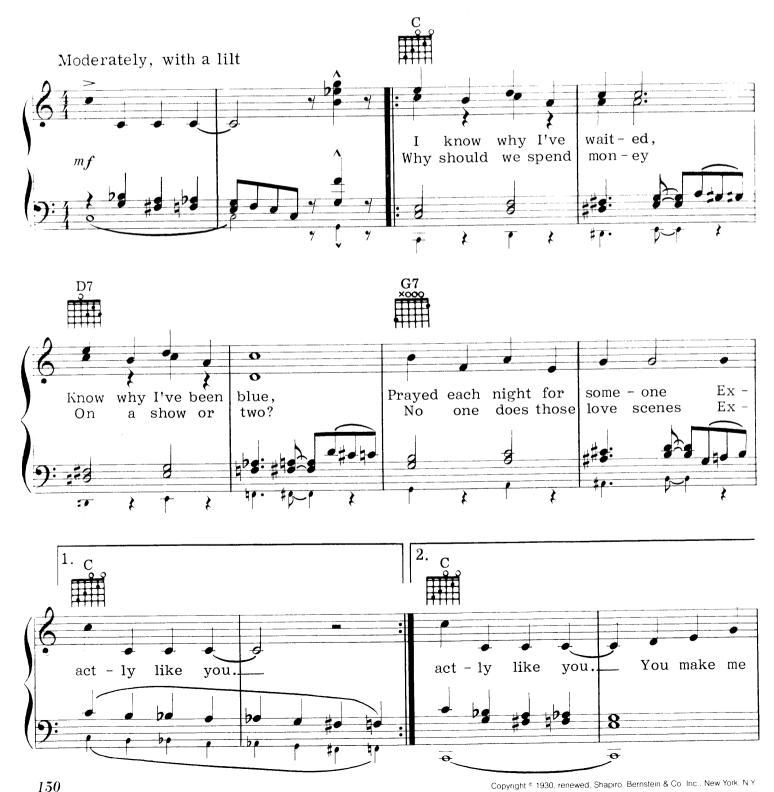




Exactly Like You

The songwriting team of Dorothy Fields and Jimmy McHugh was a natural from the start: their first collaboration, Lew Leslie's Blackbirds of 1928, gave the world such classics as "I Can't Give You Anything But Love" and "I Must Have That Man." As Alec Wilder put it, the Fields lyrics "often swung, and their descriptive case gave a special luster to McHugh's music." That's nowhere as apparent as in this easy-swinging favorite, part of Lew Leslie's International Revue of 1930, which yielded another hit for the team. "On the Sunny Side of the Street."

Words by Dorothy Fields; Music by Jimmy McHugh





It's a Sin to Tell a Lie Words and Music by Billy Mayhew

Fats Waller recorded this evergreen in 1936, delivering the sentimental lyric in boisterous, mocking good humor — all the while swinging things mightily from the piano. Since then, no one has been able to think of the song without being reminded of Fats. Recently, when a

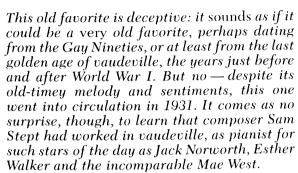
prominent actress recorded "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie" for an album, she incorporated Waller's "...if you break my heart, I'll break your jaw" into her routine — and was shocked to learn that it wasn't part of the song. Fats had done his handiwork well indeed!





Please Don't Talk About Me

When I'm Gone





Words by Sidney Clare; Music by Sam H. Stept









This ballad of love and heartbreak became a hit in 1933 via a recording by Glen Gray and the Casa Loma Orchestra, with a vocal by Kenny Sargent. It also decided a young dance-band pianist named Jerry Levinson, its composer, on a career as a songwriter. Levinson, who eventually became Livingston, went on to

It's the Talk of the Town

such standards as "Under a Blanket of Blue," "A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and such lighter fare as "Mairzy Doats." His long career spanned both films and TV: he wrote the title songs for such shows as 77 Sunset Strip and even penned the theme that heralds the zany cartoon exploits of Bugs Bunny.

Words by Marty Symes and Al. J. Neiburg; Music by Jerry Livingston

Slowly and rather freely



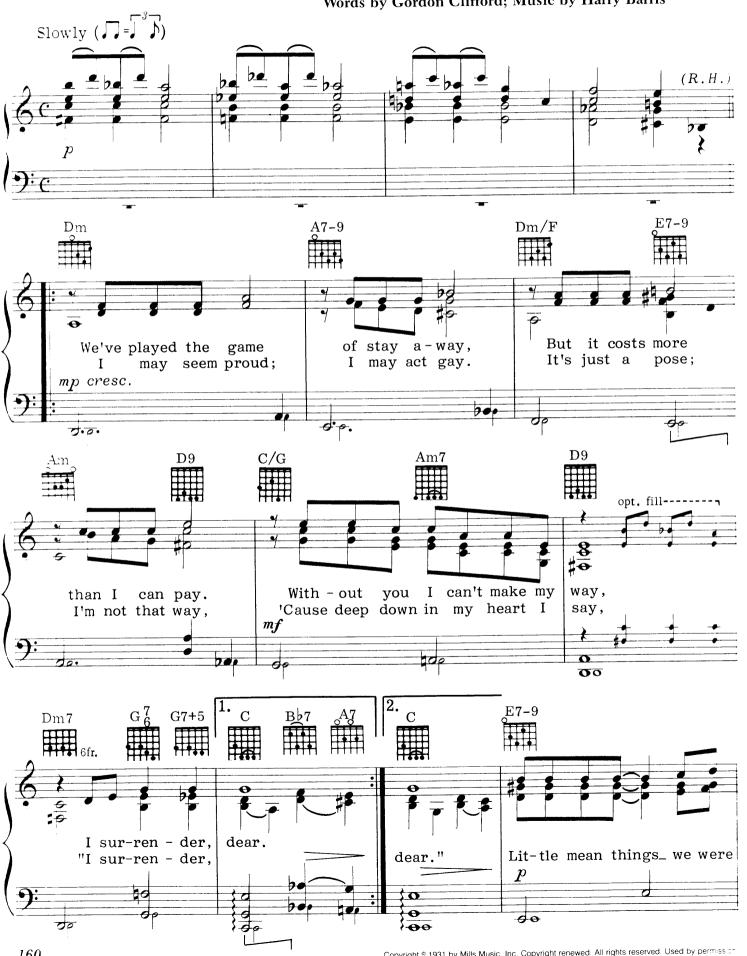


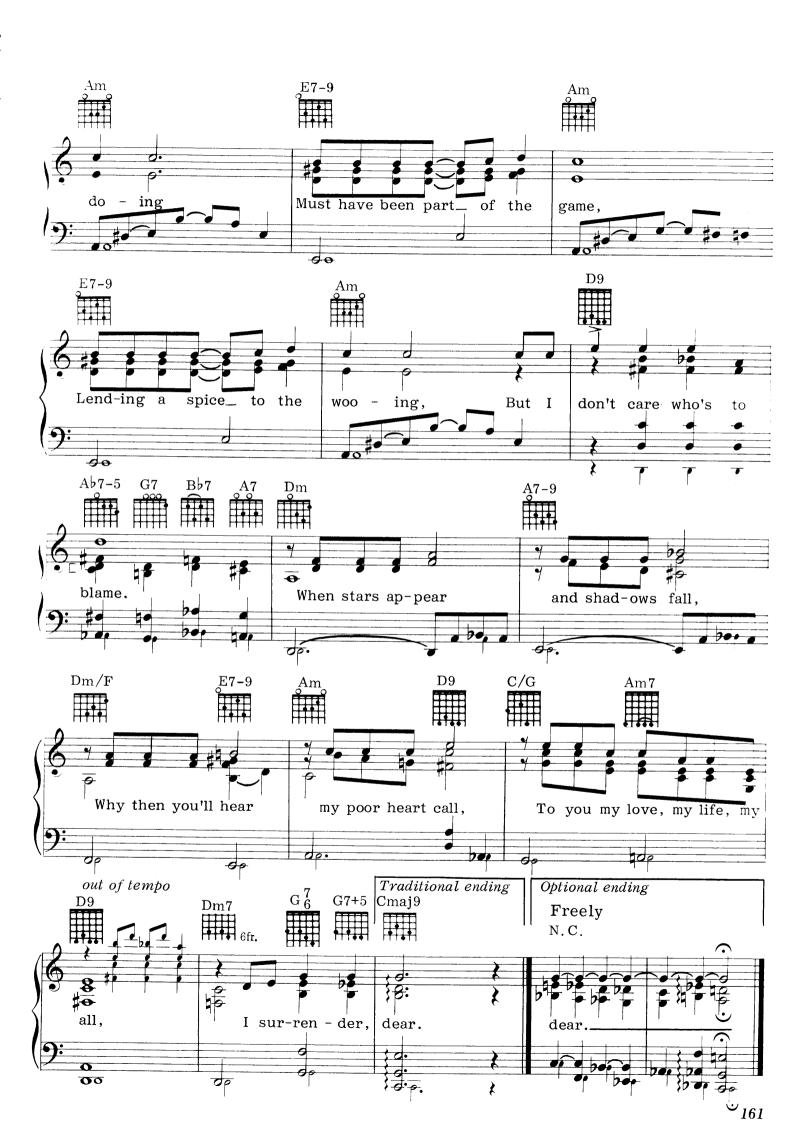


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The careers of Bing Crosby and his piano-playing, songwriting pal Harry Barris complemented each other for years, starting with their time together as two of Paul Whiteman's three Rhythm Boys. Barris wrote a succession of songs that were turned into all-time classics by the Crosby voice: "It Must Be True," "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams," "At Your Command" and this intense declaration of love bordering on obsession.

Words by Gordon Clifford; Music by Harry Barris





Missouri-born Willard Robison was a singular kind of songwriter. He wrote of country life, small-town scenes remembered from childhood: sharecroppers, itinerant preachers, harvests and (with a lyric by Dedette

Lee Hill) such characters as "Old Folks," beloved by all in his small hometown. No composer, save perhaps Hoagy Carmichael and Johnny Mercer at times, has captured this part of the American past as vividly as Robison.

Words by Dedette Lee Hill; Music by Willard Robison









SECTION 6 Gems from Operettas and Light Classics





THE DESERT SONG from The Desert Song

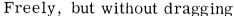




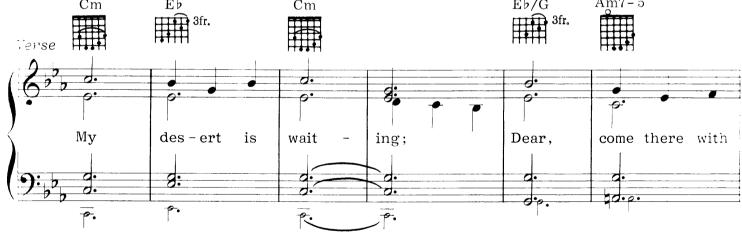
One of the box-office smashes of 1926, Sigmund Romberg's classic The Desert Song remains a perennial favorite of performers and audiences alike. Its exotic setting in old French Morocco gave the composer an opportunity not only to write lovely waltzes and romantic ballads in the traditional vein but also to introduce melodies bathed in the sultry colors of North Africa and the

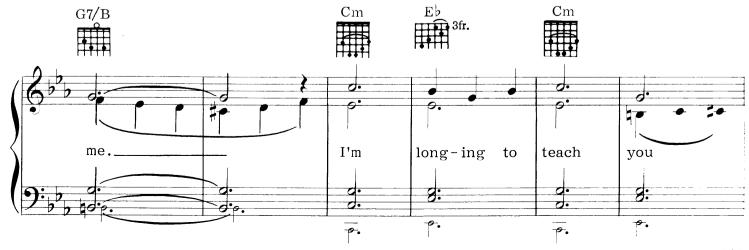
Near East. Among the gems from the thrilling score are the stirring "Riff Song," the moving ballad "One Alone" and this dreamy title number. In 1929, The Desert Song became the first all-talking, all-singing screen operetta, with John Boles and Carlotta King as the lovers. Dennis Morgan and Irene Manning starred in the 1943 remake, followed by Gordon MacRae and Kathryn Grayson 10 years later.

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

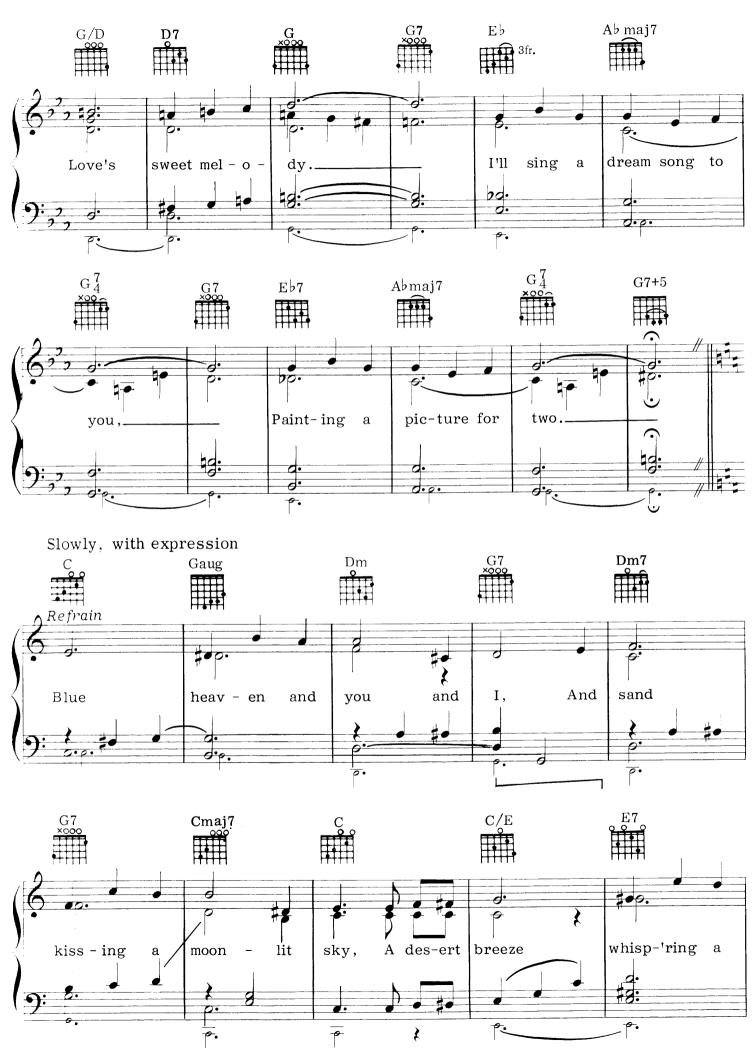


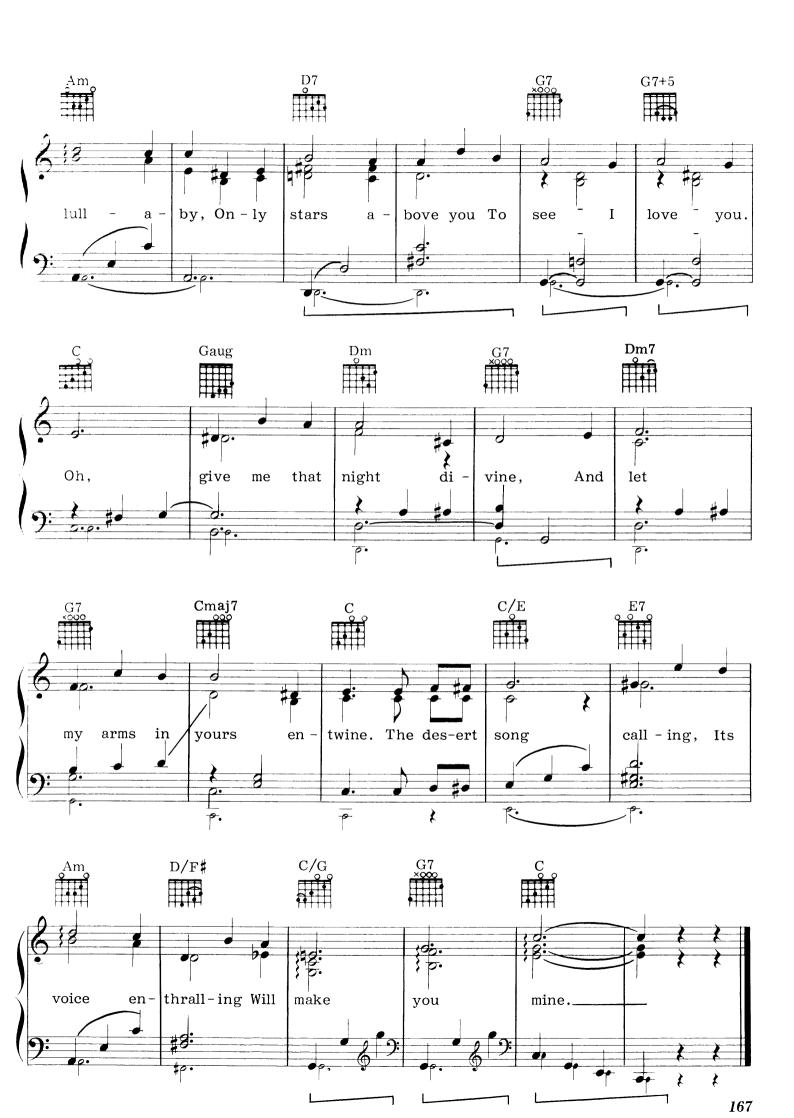






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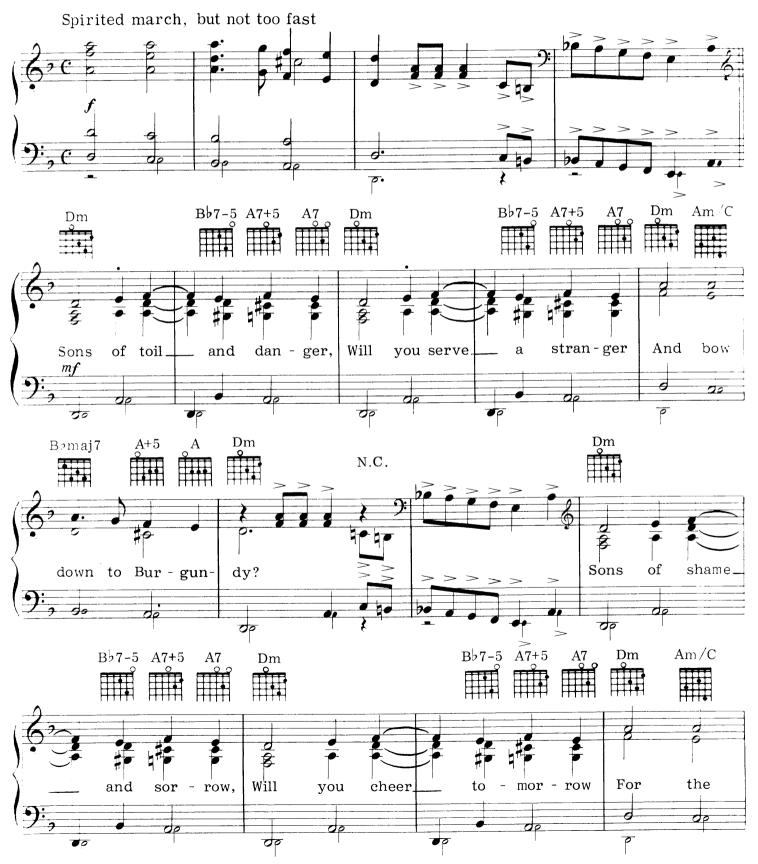
Song of the Vagabonds

from The Vagabond King

A full-blooded operetta in the grand manner, The Vagabond King brought down the house at its premiere in 1925. With such magnificent numbers as "Only a Rise," "Some Day," "Huguette Waltz" and "Love Me Tonight," many consider it to be Rudolf Frim!'s finest

score. Dennis King created the title role of François Villon, the beggar-poet who defends medieval Paris against the forces of the Duke of Burgundy. When he sang this stirring number, it was hard for many listeners not to rush onto the stage and join the chorus.

Words by Brian Hooker; Music by Rudolf Friml



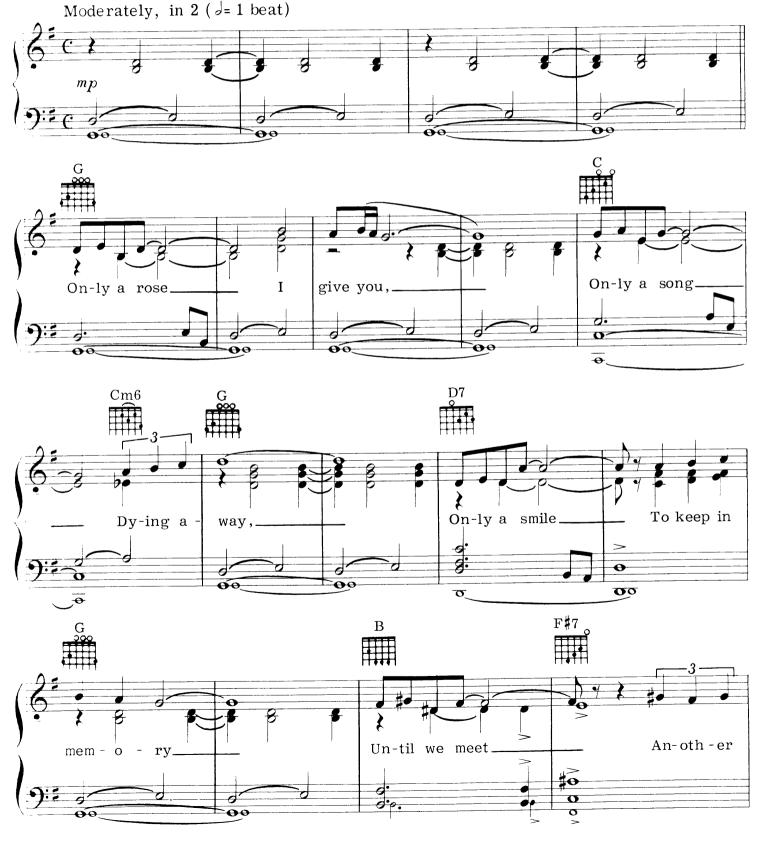


Only a Rose from The Vagabond King

Rudolf Friml's universally enjoyed operetta The Vagabond King, which was produced on Broadway in 1925, was based on Justin Huntly McCarthy's novel If I Were King. This lovely song from the show resulted in some unintentional humor when The Vagabond King was filmed in 1930. Reluctant to be off camera while playing the scene opposite Jeanette MacDonald, star Dennis King, who also starred and sang "Only a Rose" in the original production, made sure that some part of his anatomy was on screen at all times. As a result, when Jeanette saw the finished scene in the movie, she dubbed it "Only a Nose."

Words by Brian Hooker

Music by Rudolf Friml





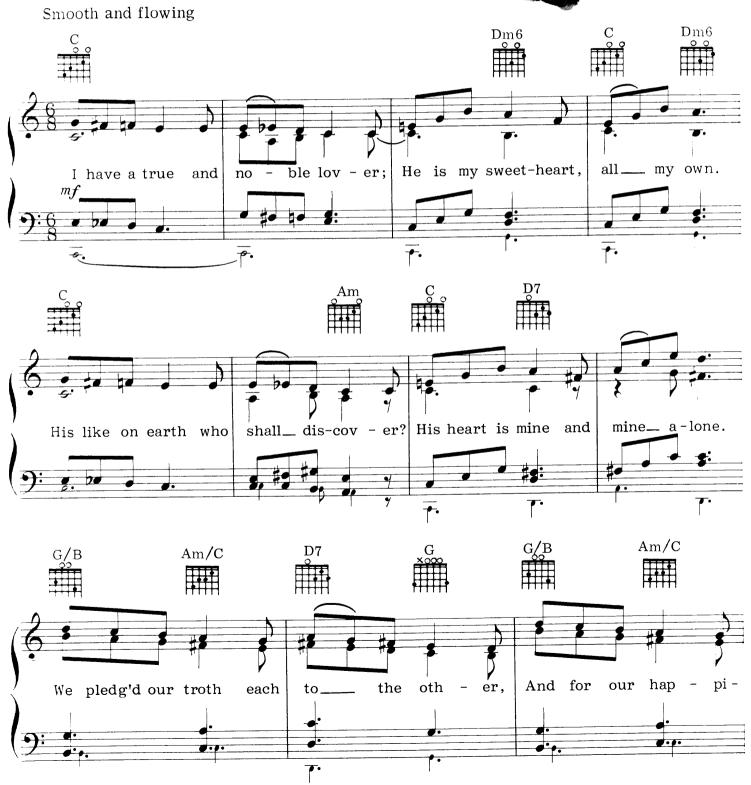
My Hero

from The Chocolate Soldier

The delicious Chocolate Soldier, adapted from George Bernard Shaw's 1894 comedy Arms and the Man, is the best known of Oscar Strain's operettas, which also include A Waltz Dream and The Last Waltz. Straus was undeniably Viennese to the core!) The title refers the operetta's hero, a peace-loving soldier who prefers romance and chocolates to war — rather a sensible chap. This lovely song has always been the favorite number in the score, and, indeed, its thing, emotional melody makes it a joy to sing.

Words by Stanislaus Stange; Music by Oscar Straus



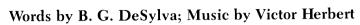






A Kiss in the Dark from Orange Blossoms

Victor Herbert once was asked why he didn't write another waltz like "Kiss Me Again" (from the 1905 Mlle. Modiste). Crushed by the recent failure of Orange Blossoms (1922), he replied sadly that he'd written waltzes as good, but the public didn't recognize them. The public certainly recognized "A Kiss in the Dark," however, especially after it was interpolated in Florenz Ziegfeld's Follies of 1923, for which Herbert supplied music. Since then, it has been acclaimed as Herbert's final waltz classic. (He died in 1924.) And with good reason too!







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Poor Wandering One

from The Pirates of Penzance

Surprisingly, Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance received its world premiere in 1879 not in London but in New York. Due to loopholes in the copyright laws of the time, the English composers were obliged to unveil their work in the United States in order to protect themselves from American pirates who were producing previous G&S comedies without payment. The plan worked, and the authors were able to secure international protection as a result. "Poor Wandering One!," one of the highlights of the tuneful score, is a clever send-up of the elaborate waltz-arias made popular by Charles Gounod, composer of Faust. However, its beautiful melody and tricky passagework made it a favorite soprano showpiece in its own right.



Words by W. S. Gilbert; Music by Arthur Sullivan





Poor Wandering One!

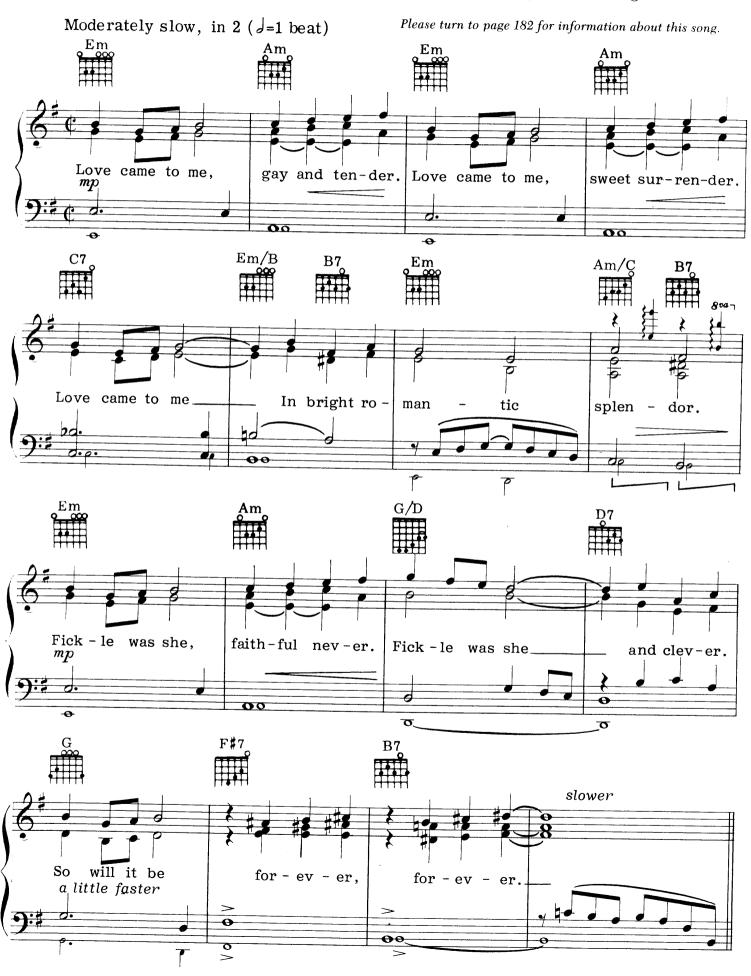
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Softly, As in a Morning Sunrise

from The New Moon

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II; Music by Sigmund Romberg

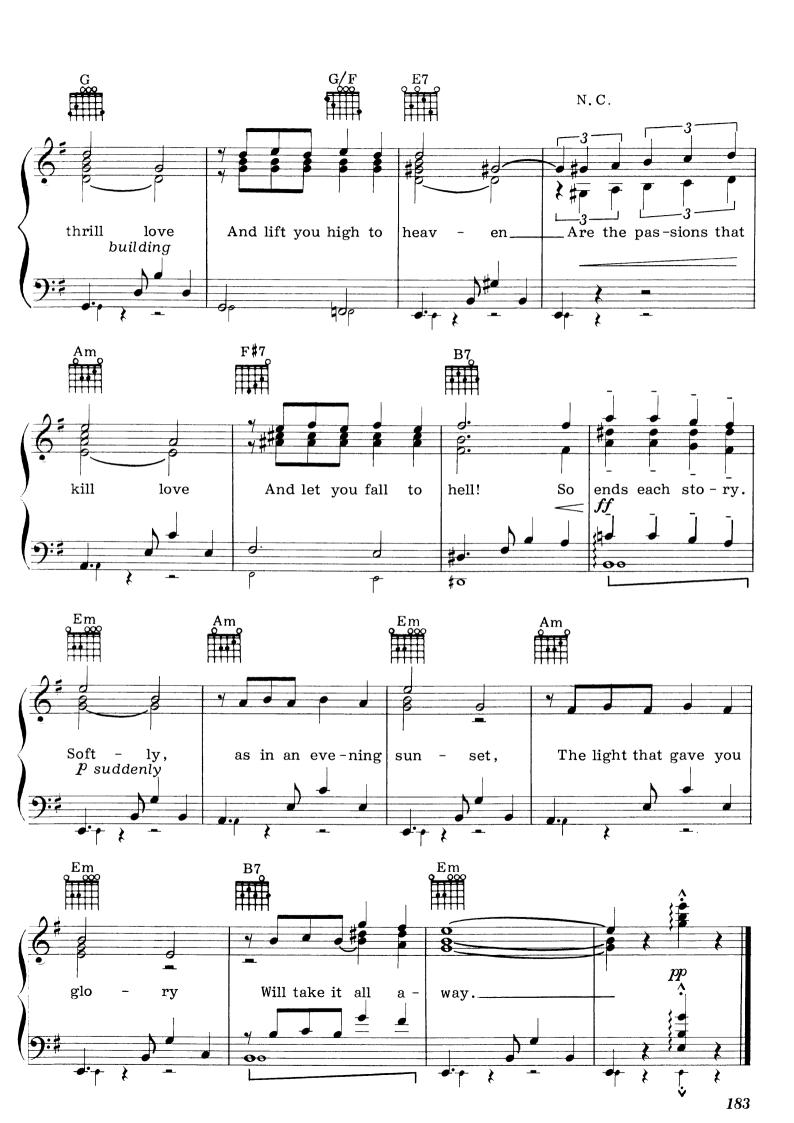


Softly, As in a Morning Sunrise

Sigmund Romberg's The New Moon (1928) is one of the last great American operettas cast in the European wild. It ran for more than a year in New York City hafere going on the road to become an evergreen

standard. Among the score's gems are the rousing "Stouthearted Men" (which Nelson Eddy sang in the 1940 screen version), the lovely duet "Wanting You" and this heady tango of love and betrayal.







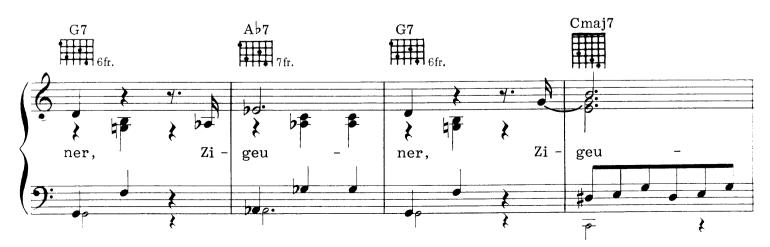
from Bitter Sweet

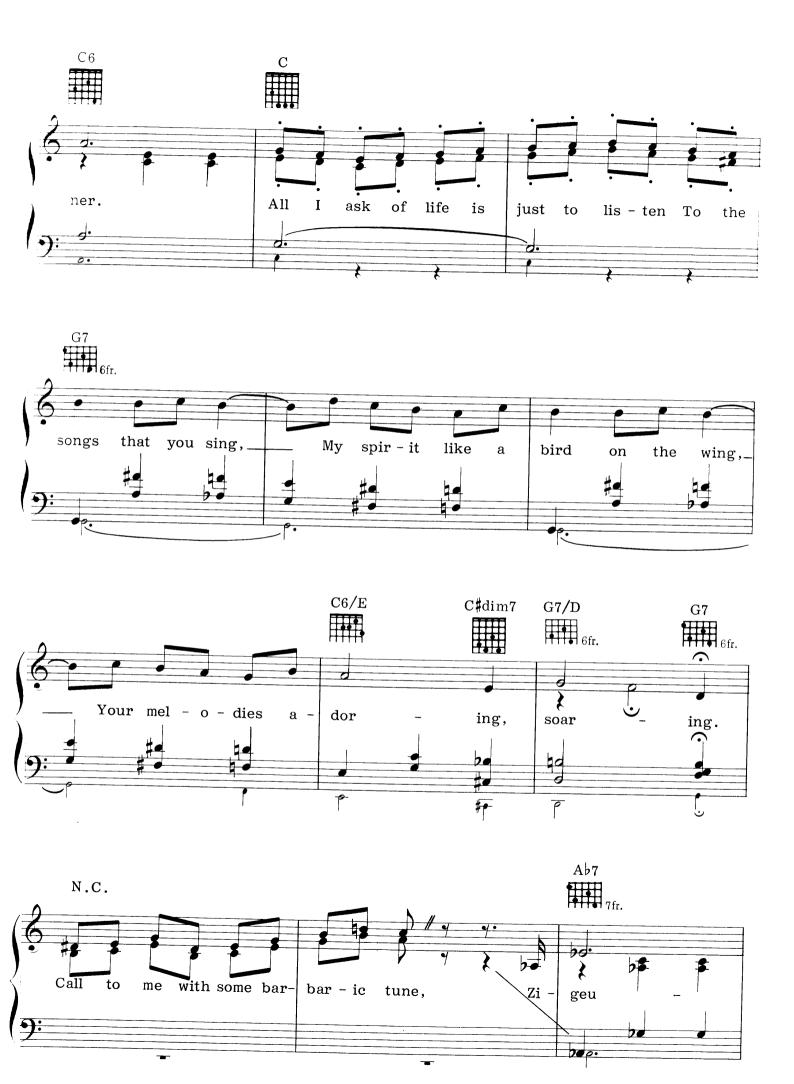
Noël Coward once wrote, "I think that of all the shows I have ever done, Bitter Sweet gave me the greatest personal pleasure." He recalled drafting Act I aboard a steamer bound for England in 1928 and writing Act II in a hospital bed, needing something to do while awaiting minor surgery. The operetta tells a story of romance tinged with sadness — Sarah, a young English girl, runs away to Vienna with her handsome music teacher, Carl, who is killed in a duel on the eve of the opening of his own operetta, Zigeuner (Gypsy). Movie buffs will surely remember Jeanette MacDonald's beautiful performance of this lush and lovely number in the 1940 screen version of Bitter Sweet, which she made with Nelson Eddy.

Words and Music by Noël Coward

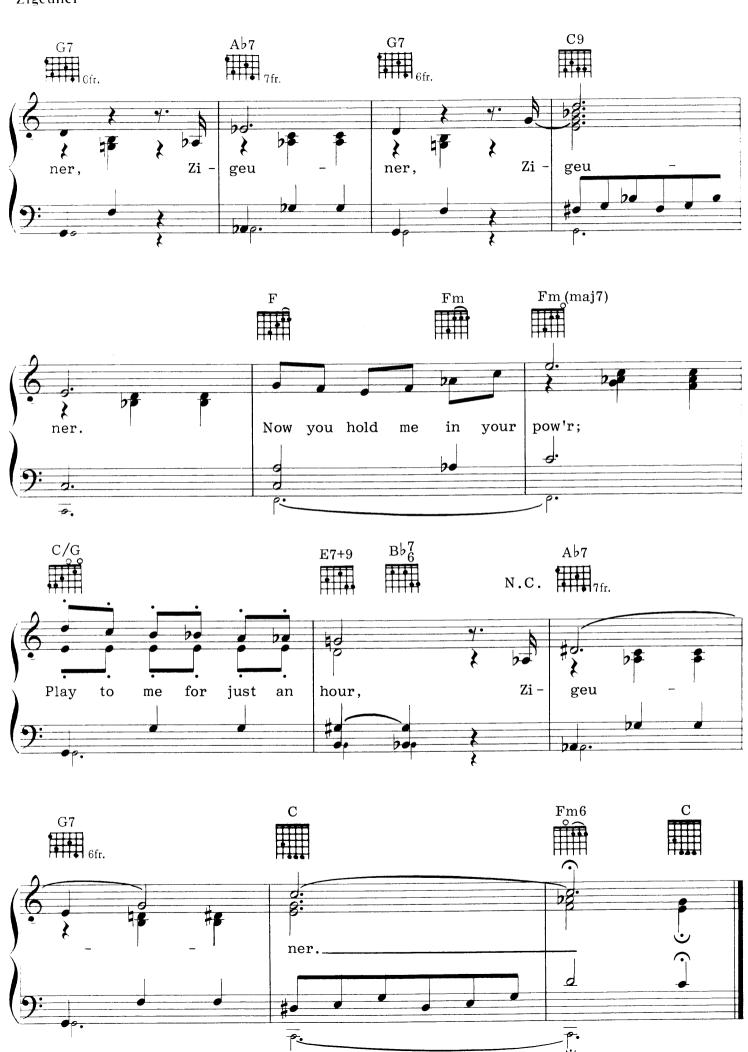








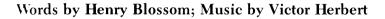
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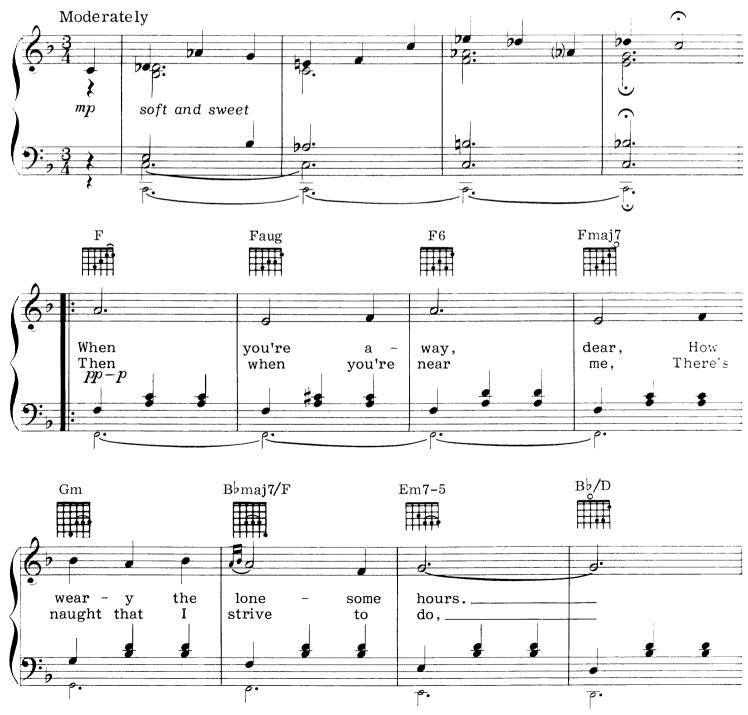
When You're Away!

from The Only Girl

Victor Herbert's hit show of 1914 was The Only Girl, which gave the "unlucky" 39th Street Theatre one of its few successes. The story concerns a romance between Alan, a librettist, and Ruth, a composer, who decide to collaborate. "We both hate things sentimental," they declare at first. "We are two machines. That's all!" Happily, their enterprise deepens into something more pleasant than mere business. Their beautiful love song "When You're Away!" gives a good idea of just how pleasant things become, for it contains one of Herbert's most enchanting melodies.











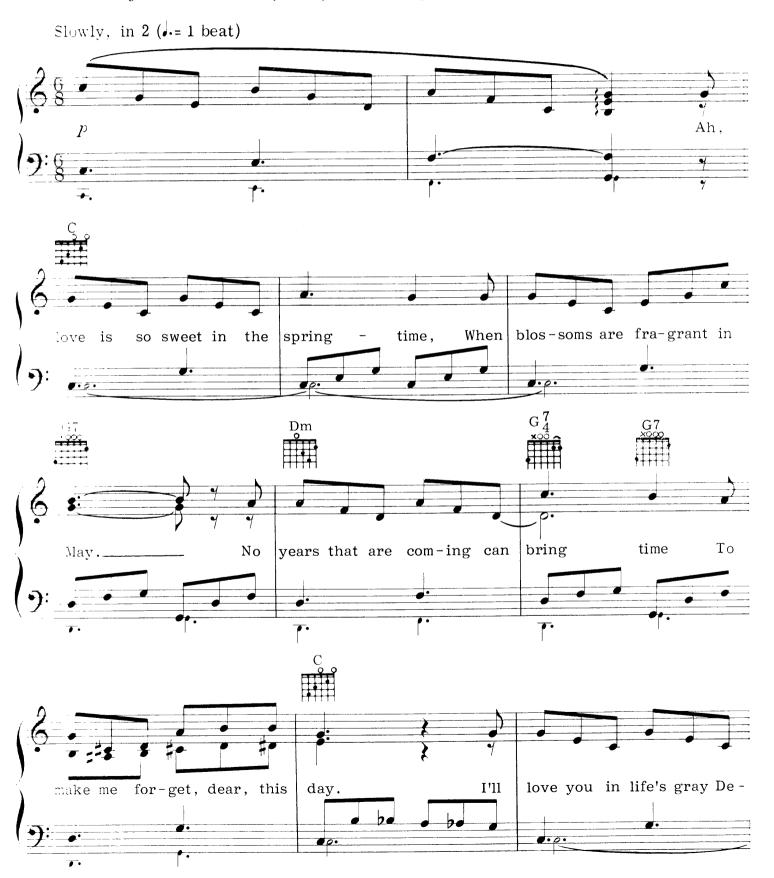
Will You Remember

(Sweetheart)

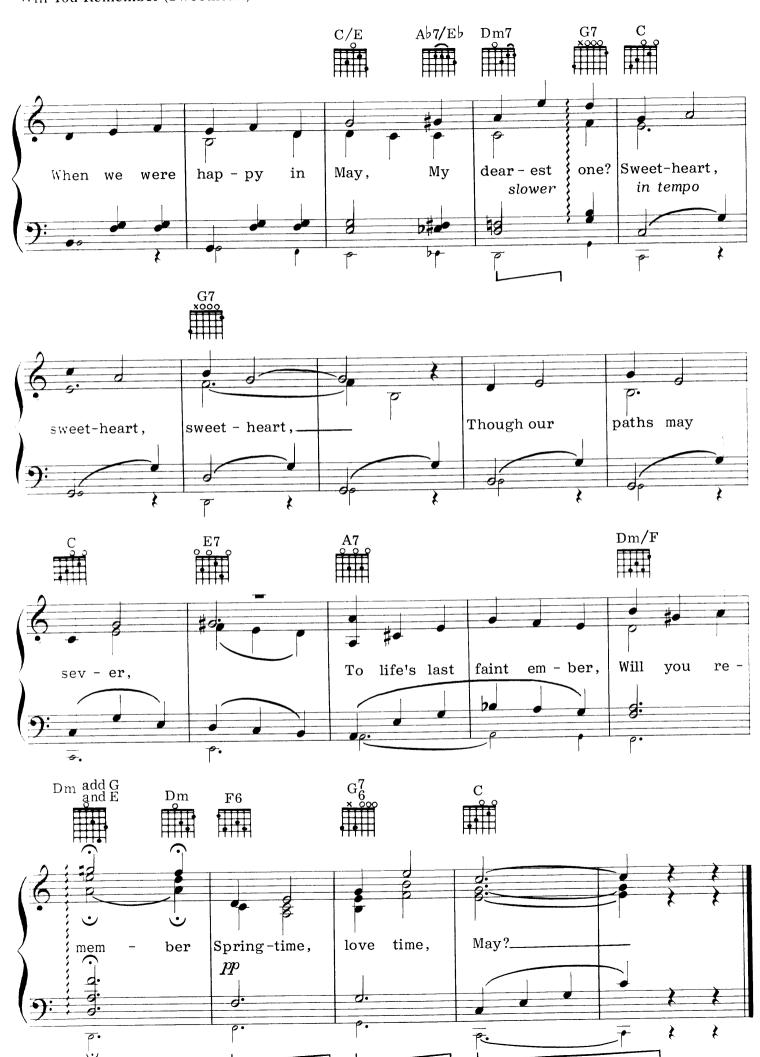
Maytime, a bittersweet tale of love and sadness in Old New York, was the undisputed hit of 1917. So successful was it that a second production was opened in a theater across the street from the original. Twenty years later, the screen version, with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, gave the work a new lease on life. Hollywood made the usual plot changes, of course, but when audiences heard this duet, nothing else seemed to matter.

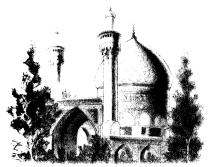
from Maytime

Words by Rida Johnson Young; Music by Sigmund Romberg







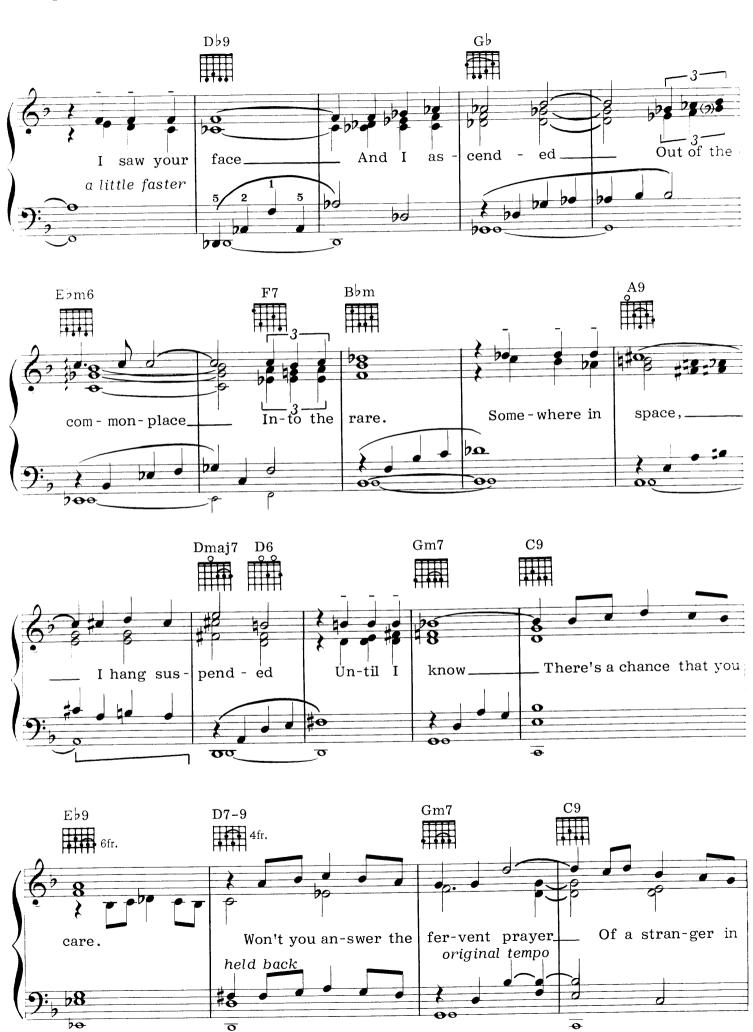


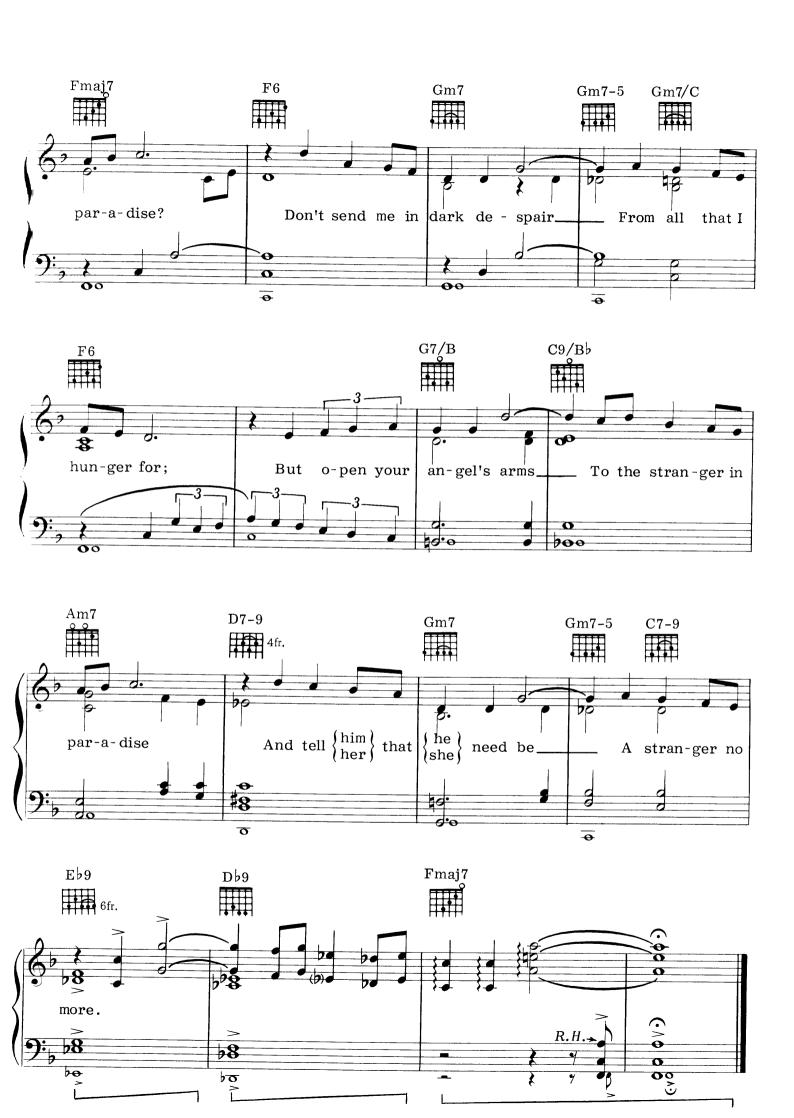
Stranger in Paradise

from Kismet

Robert Wright and George Forrest took a 1911 extravaganza called Kismet, revamped it a bit, draped it with vast swatches of colorful melody by Russian composer Alexander Borodin and came up with an Arabian Nights confection that brightened the Broadway season of 1953-54. "Stranger in Paradise," one of the hits of the show, was adapted from the "Polovetsian Dances" in Borodin's opera Prince Igor.









SECTION 7 | Worldwide Hits



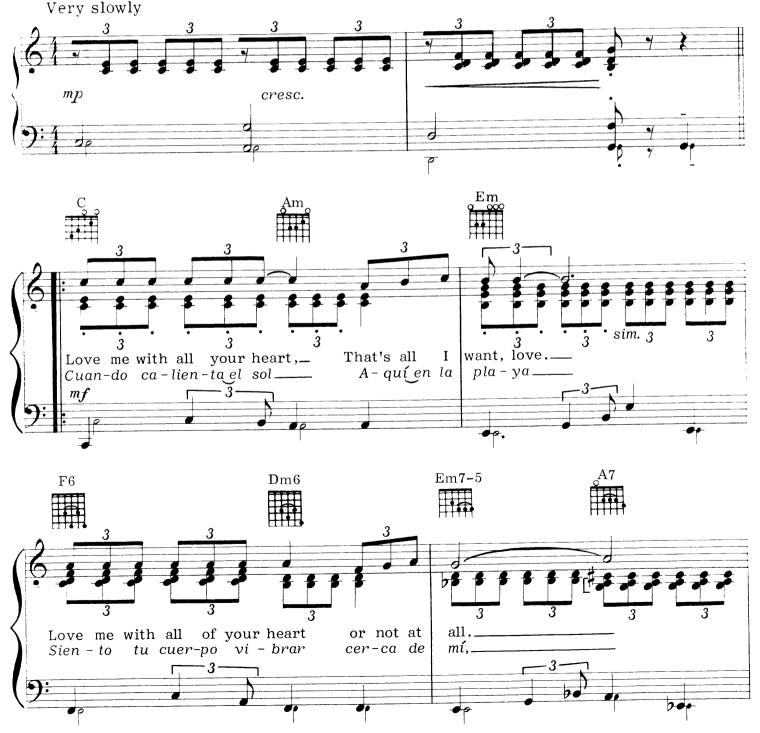
Love Me with All Your Heart

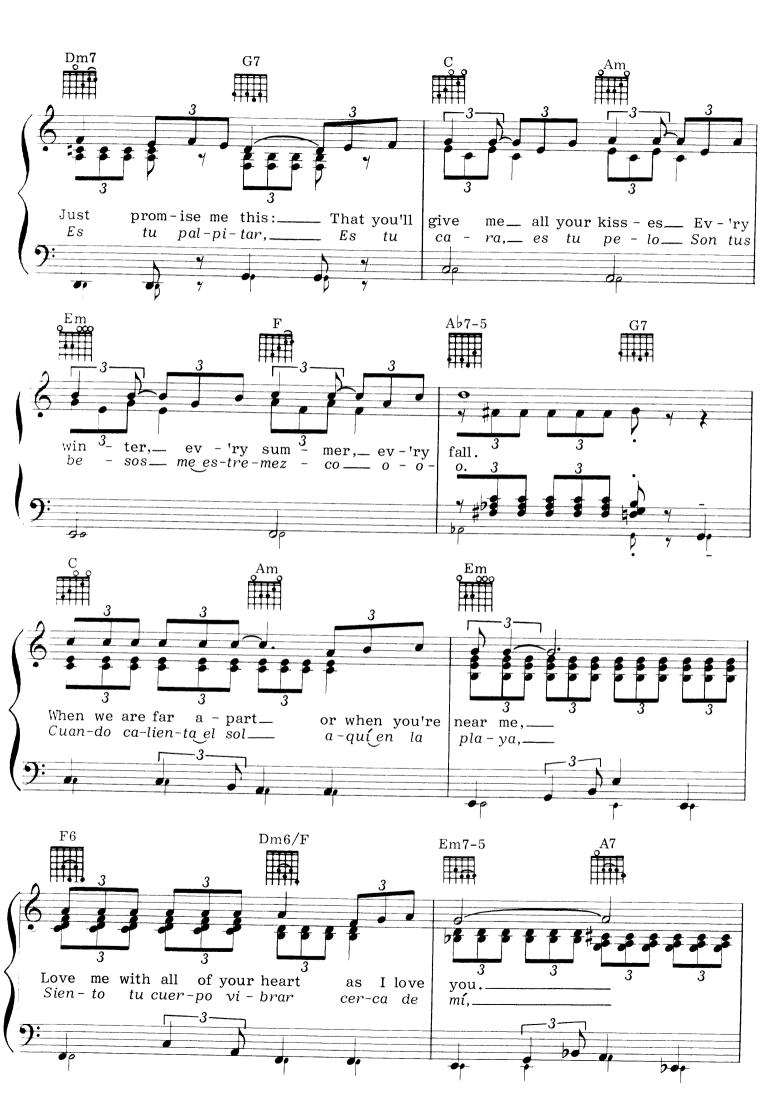
(Cuando Calienta El Sol)



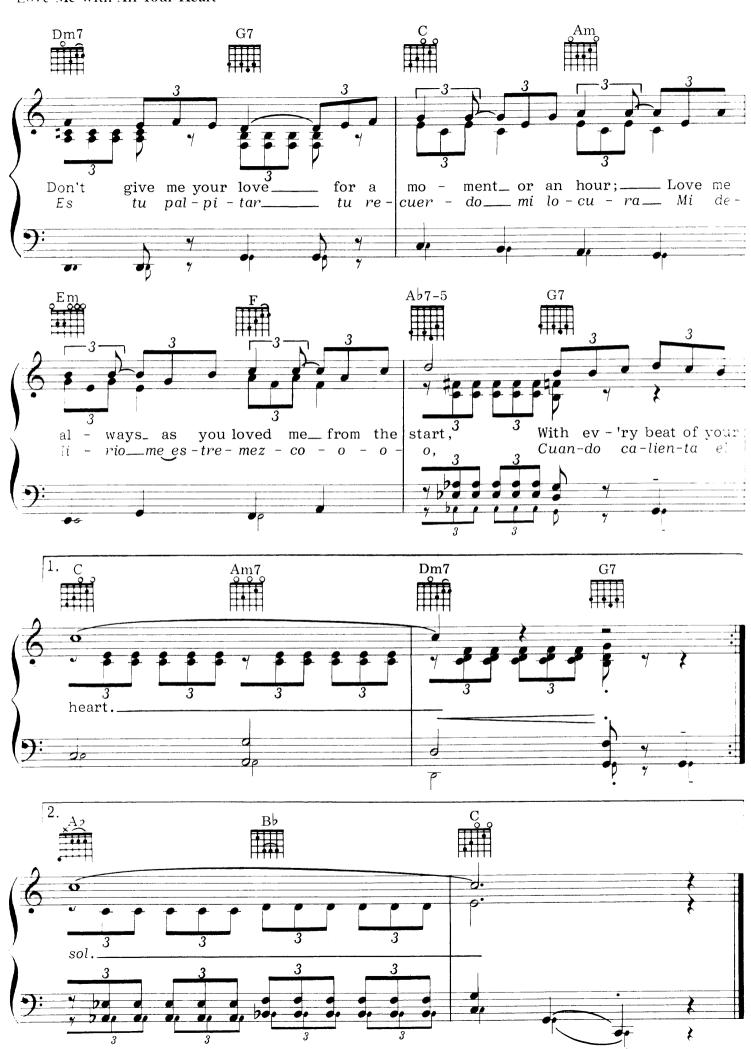
Sonny Schuyler, a respected band singer in the 1930s, became better known in later years as Sunny Skylar, lyricist, specializing in anglicizing foreign songs ... "Bésame Mucho" and "Amor" being among his hits. Like them, "Love Me with All Your Heart" originated in Mexico — as "Cuando Calienta El Sol" (When the Sun Is Warm), a hit for Los Hermanos Rigual. Skylar's reworking of both lyric and concept made the song a smash in the '60s for The Ray Charles Singers and for Jim Nabors.

English words by Sunny Skylar; Spanish words by Mario Rigual Music by Carlos Rigual and Carlos Alberto Martinoli





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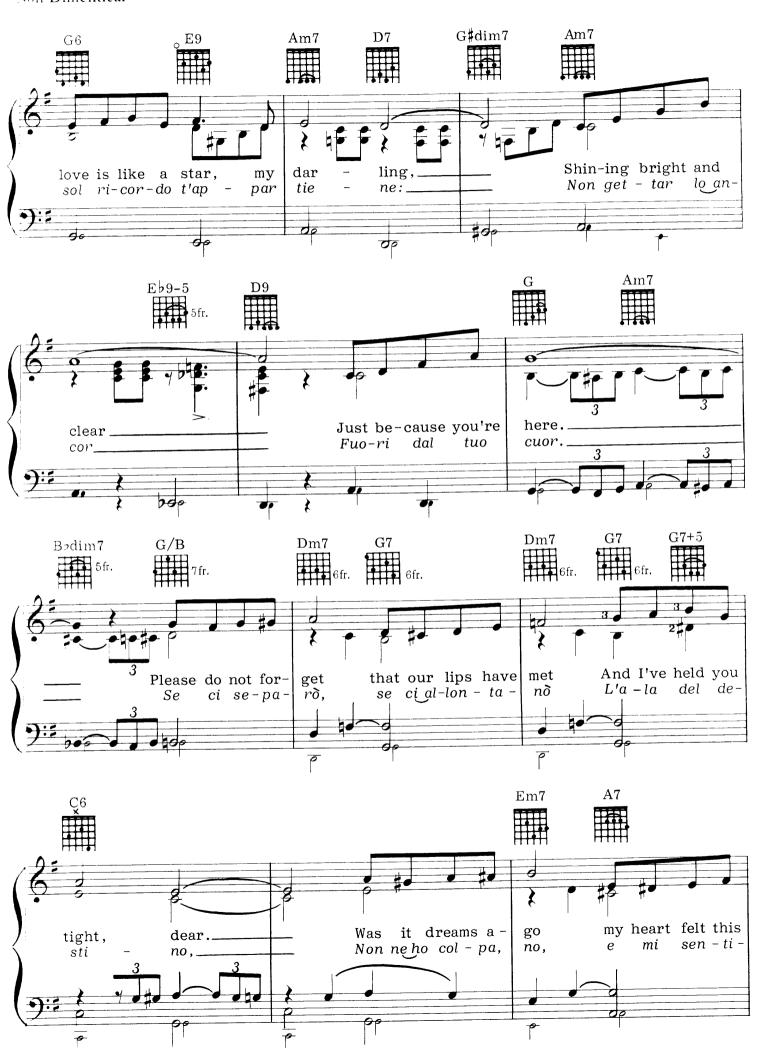
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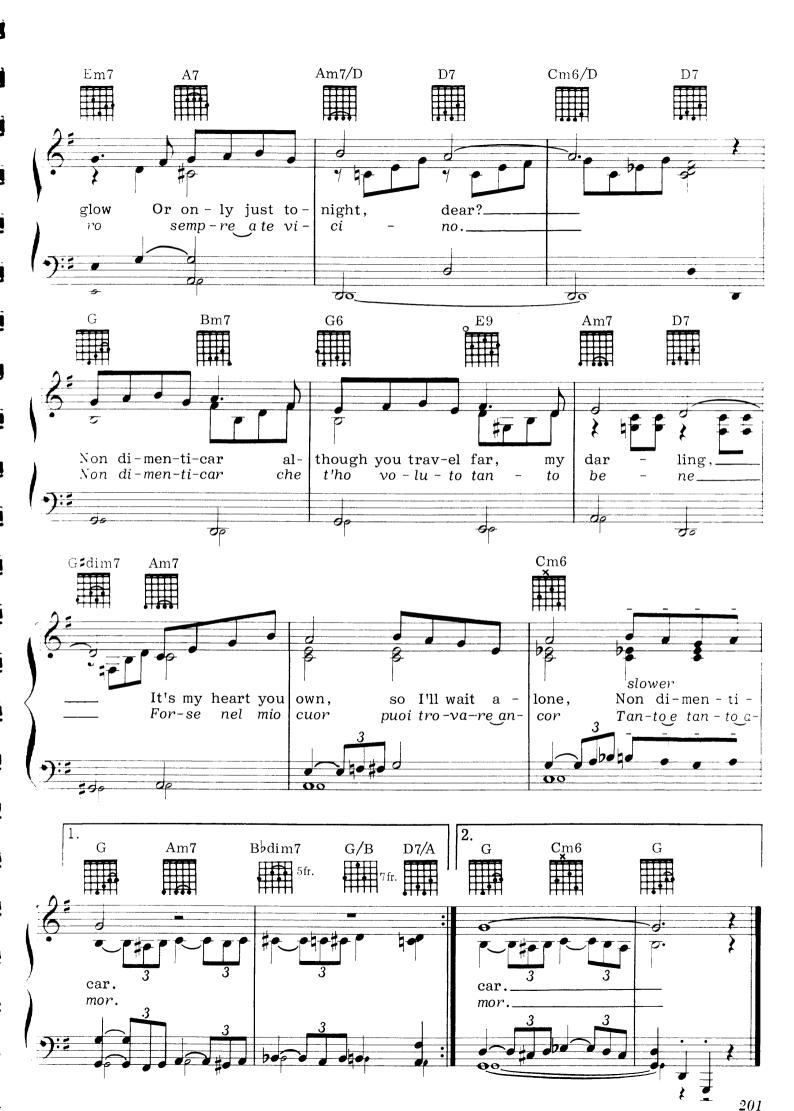
Fitting an English lyric to a song of foreign origin is a little like translating a poem or other literary work from one tongue into another. Not only must meaning and meter be served but also the flavor and often indefinable atmosphere of the original. This ballad first appeared in the 1952 Italian film Anna. The title translates as "Don't Forget" — and that sentiment remains as strong in Shellen Dobbins' English version, a hit for Nat King Cole, as in the Italian.

English words by Shelley Dobbins;



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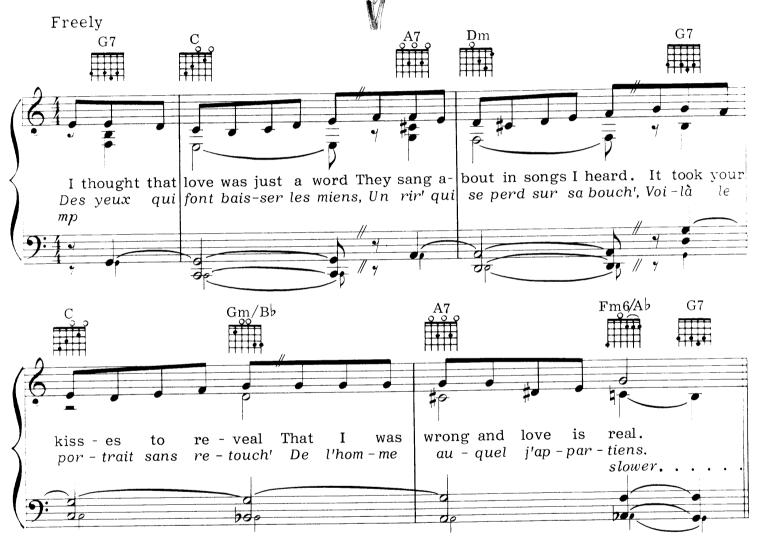
La Vie en Rose

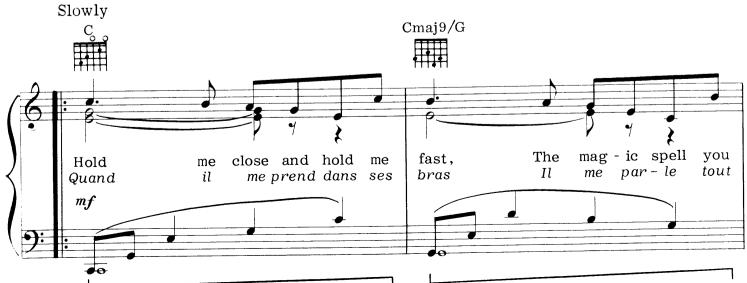
English words by Mack David

It's impossible to hear "La Vie en Rose" without thinking of Edith Piaf, beloved with sparrow" of the French music halls. The lyric, her lyric, is an irony. Translated of English, it means "Life through roselized glasses" — precisely the opposite of English tragic life. Abandoned in childhood,

French words by Edith Piaf Music by Louiguy

sightless for several years, she found brief happiness with boxer Marcel Cerdan—only to be plunged again into anguish with his death in a 1949 plane crash. Yet she survived, to bring warmth to the hearts of millions—as does this song by which the world will always know and love her.







La Vie en Rose





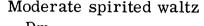


English words by Al Stillman; Italian words by Ennio Neri; French words by André de Badet; Music by C. A. Bixio

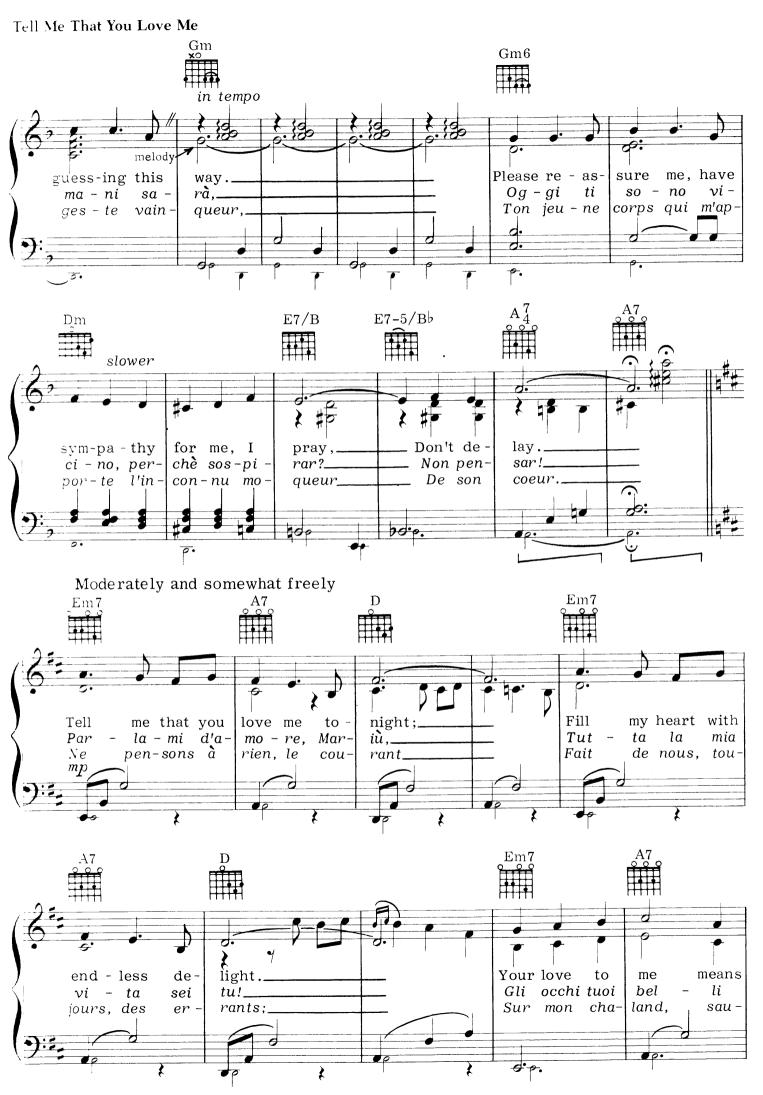


This lovely Italian melody has been a hit in many different countries under many titles. As "Le Chaland Qui Passe," for example, it is one of France's all-time hits. In 1935, its American publisher ran a contest to find an English lyric. Al Stillman entered and turned "Parlami d'Amore,

Mariù" (Speak to Me of Love, Maria) into "Tell Me That You Love Me." He won, and the song, recorded by opera tenor Jan Peerce, became a hit. Stillman went on to write a procession of hits lasting into the '60s. Some landmarks: "The Breeze and I," "Juke Box Saturday Night" and "Moments to Remember."









C'est Si Bon

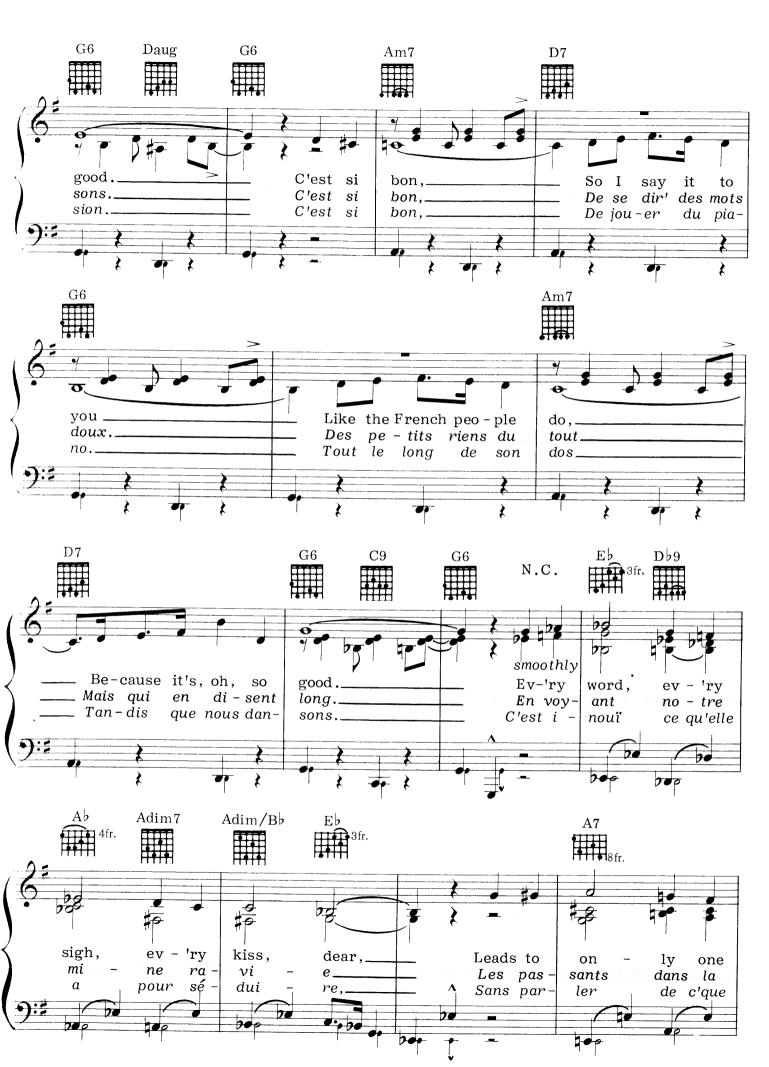
(It's So Good)

This French import had been around awhile when a 24-year-ld Eartha Kitt sang it and stopped the show in New Faces of 1952. Its impertinent sensuality seemed ideal for her sultry weatment. Yet "C'est Si Bon" has been good for a variety of the rartists as well, including the great Louis Armstrong. His recording may have sacrificed the heat of Miss Kitt's interpretation, but it more than compensated with wit and reasical brilliance. The song's philosophy is eternal. Life is 2 and love is good. Let's not ask why, not waste time worrying. Let's just live and enjoy because C'est Si Bon — It's So Good.

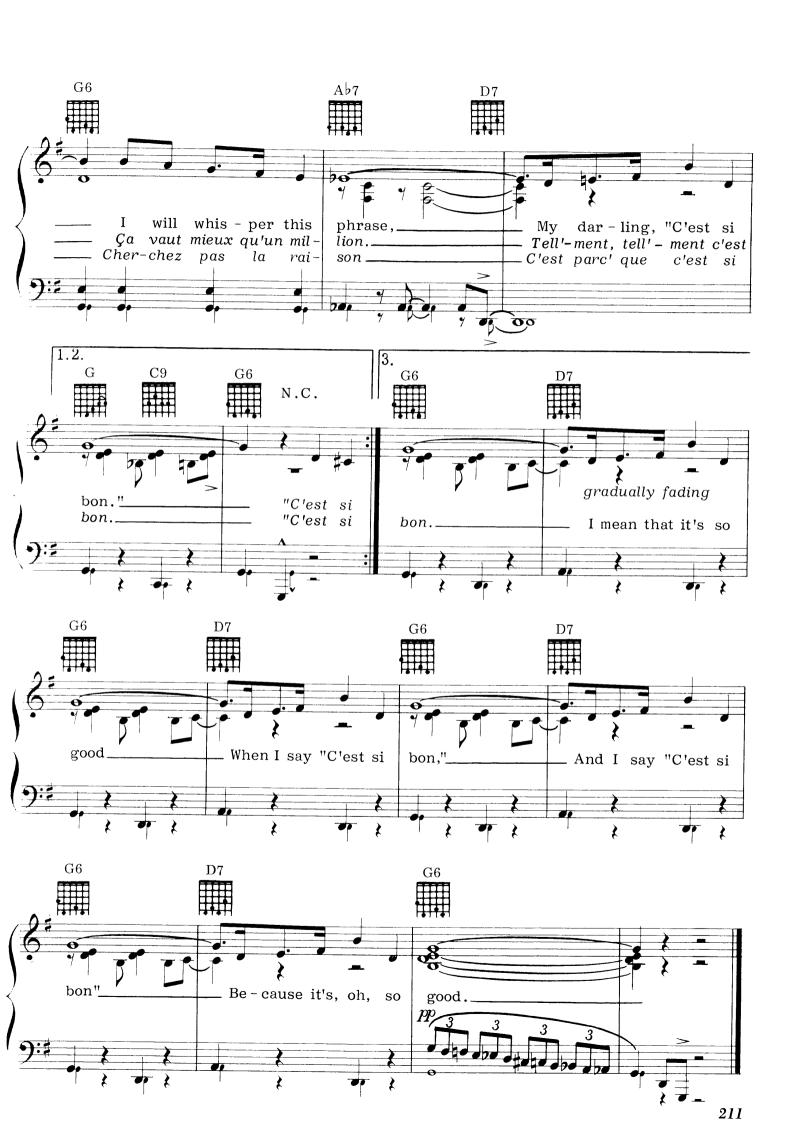
English words by Jerry Seelen; French words by André Hornez; Music by Henri Betti

















SECTION 8 Happy Hits of the '20s



I Cried for You

This old musical friend has had more lives than the average cat. Written by bandleader Abe Lyman and his pianist Gus Arnheim (himself soon to lead a band), plus lyricist Arthur Freed, it had its first vogue in the 1920s. It turned up again in the '30s in hit performances by trumpeter Bunny Berigan, The Casa Loma Orchestra and vocalists Billie Holiday, Helen Forrest and Judy Garland. The key to at least part of the song's eternal appeal lies in the lyric: "I cried for you/Now it's your turn to cry over me . . . " The theme of the faithless lover getting his (or her) comeuppance is as modern as today — as is this great tune.



Words and Music by Arthur Freed, Gus Arnheim and Abe Lyman





I Cried for You



Crazy Words - Crazy June

(Vo-do-de-o)

This 1927 confection by the composers of "Ain't She Sweet" and "Happy Days Are Here Again" was an instant hit, especially thanks to spirited performances by The California Ramblers, one of the most popular dance bands of the Roaring Twenties. It also started a craze: people sang its infectious "vo-do-do-de-o" nonsense syllables along with any convenient song. And when, later that year, The Ramblers recorded the Ager-Yellen sequel "Vo-do-do-de-o Blues," the vocalist opened the performance with a few bars of "Crazy Words — Crazy Tune" — just as a reminder.

Words by Jack Yellen; Music by Milton Ager







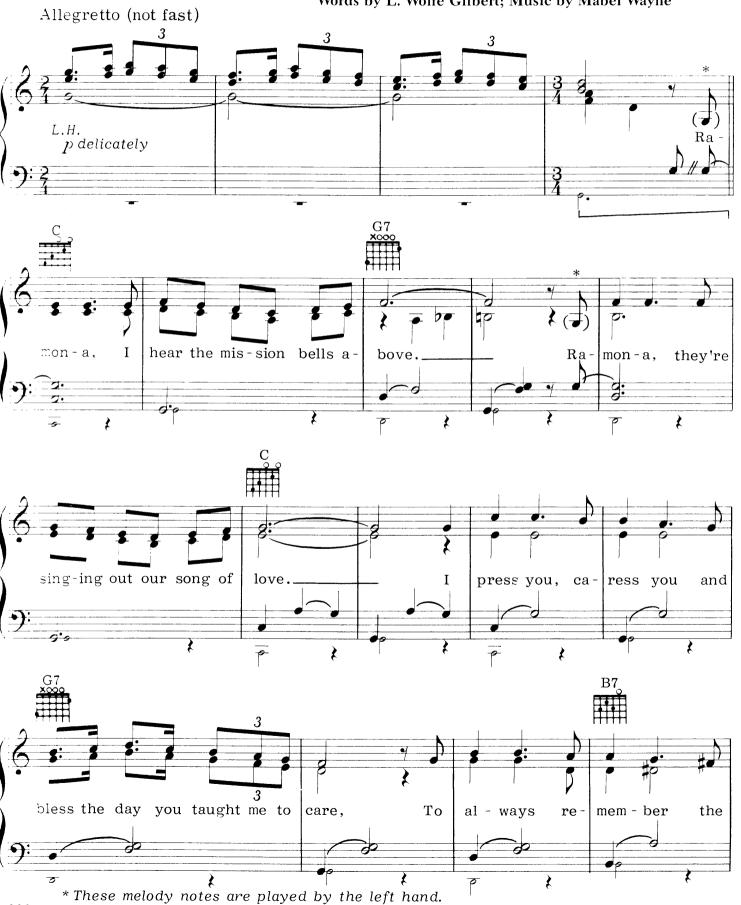




RAMONA

Jazz fans who bought Paul Whiteman's 1928 record of "Lonely Melody" for a few bars of Bix Beiderbecke's hot cornet scarcely heeded the "B" side, a waltz called "Ramona." But the recording echoed an achievement unprecedented in the technology of the era: film star Dolores Del Rio had sung "Ramona" on the radio in Hollywood while Whiteman's orchestra accompanied her in a New York studio 3,000 miles away. For radio, a landmark.

Words by L. Wolfe Gilbert; Music by Mabel Wayne





Sweet Sue – Just You

This 1928 classic was Victor Young's debut as a songwriter — and a source of everlasting surprise. He had written it as a romantic ballad, but almost immediately after it appeared, it became a favorite among jazz musicians, invariably played at faster tempos. One important early recording, by Paul Whiteman's orchestra, featured melody statement and vocal in the ballad manner but achieved immortality on Bix Beiderbecke's nonpareil chorus — uptempo — with a derby hat hung on the bell of his cornet as a mute. Fast or slow, Young's great melody is an eternal delight.

Words by Will J. Harris; Music by Victor Young





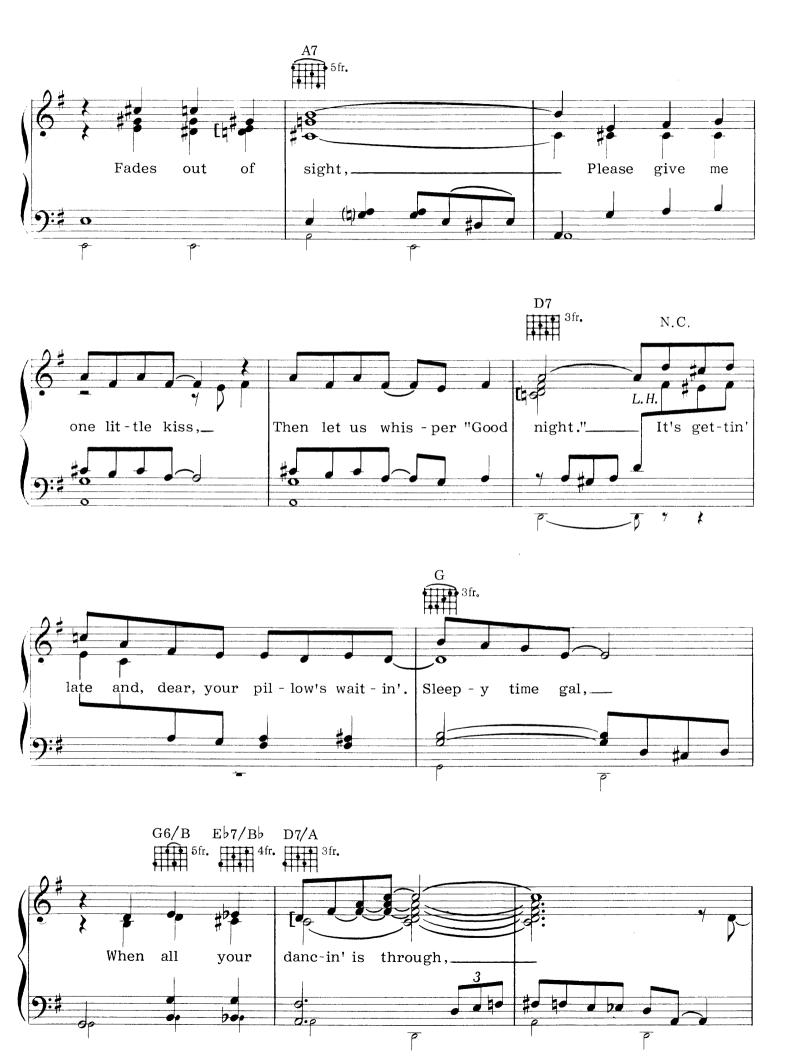


SLEEPY TIME GAL

Why four composers for one song? No one seems to know the exact story, but most accounts suggest that vaudevillian Alden and singer-pianist Lorenzo presented the song idea to a publisher, who turned it over to Richard Whiting and Raymond Egan, one of the top songwriting teams of the '20s. They worked their magic — and added "Sleepy Time Gal" to a string of hits that included "The Japanese Sandman," "Till We Meet Again" and "Ain't We Got Fun?"

Words by Joseph R. Alden and Raymond B. Egan; Music by Ange Lorenzo and Richard A Whiting







My Cutey's Due At Two-to-Two Today

Words and Music by Leo Robin and Albert Von Tilzer Bamberger's, the great old Newark, New Jersey, department store, was at least partly responsible for this favorite — and for launching Leo Robin on a long and productive songwriting career. It was 1926, and Robin was fresh in from Pittsburgh, looking for work. "I got an offer of \$50 to write a lyric for the third anniversary of Bamberger's basement," he recalled. "They teamed me with Albert Von Tilzer, who was a very big deal at the time, and we wrote a thing called 'Our Baby's Three Years Old.' It did the job." The two collaborated again soon after, this time on "My Cutey's Due." The song was recorded by Ted Weems' orchestra and became Robin's first among such enduring hits as "Thanks for the Memory," "Louise," "Beyond the Blue Horizon" and "Love in Bloom."

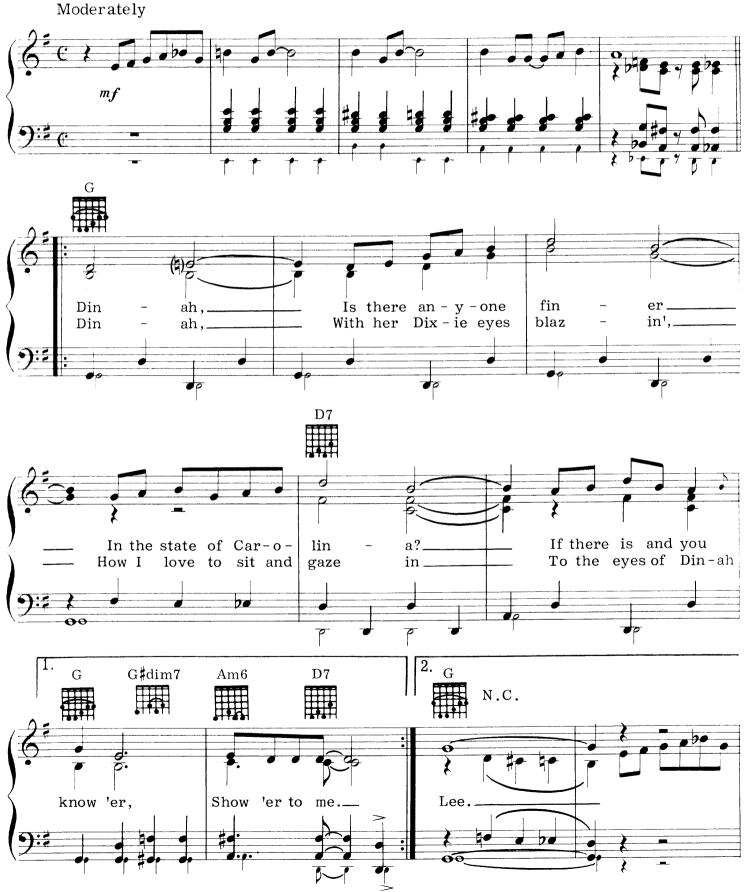






DINAH

Words by Sam M. Lewis and Joe Young; Music by Harry Akst Ethel Waters holds an unparalleled place in the history of popular singing as the first performer successfully to fuse the separate concepts of jazz, popular song and the blues. Many of the songs she introduced became immediate standards — none more dramatically than this classic. Composers Akst and Young brought it to her in 1924 and demonstrated it by singing it fast and, as she said later, "corny." She slowed it down, giving added weight to both melody and lyrics, and used it in her appearance at the Plantation Club in New York City. It proved a key step toward stardom for her.





Clap Hands! Here Comes Charley!

No telling at this late date who the gentleman was to deserve all the handclapping. Whatever his distinction, he enjoyed two rounds of popularity. The first was in 1925, when this song appeared and was recorded widely by bands and singers of the day, including the popular California Ramblers featuring the jazz bass saxophone of Adrian Rollini. Jazzmen, in fact, accounted for "Charley's" second moment of celebrity: Swing Era recordings by Count Basie and, appropriately, Charlie Barnet gave the old standard a brief but rousing revival.

Words by Billy Rose and Ballard Macdonald; Music by Joseph Meyer





My Honey's Lovin'Arms

Surely one of the most underappreciated of all major songwriters must be California-born Joseph Meyer. Many of his efforts became anthems of the '20s and 30s. They include "California, Here I Come," "If You Knew Susie," "Crazy Rhythm" and this 1922 standard,

his first hit. It's been a favorite of older-generation jazzmen through the years because of its flowing chord sequence and rhythmic melody. The recording by Bing Crosby, backed by The Mills Brothers and the Dorsey Brothers Orchestra, is a landmark in jazz history.

Words by Herman Ruby; Music by Joseph Meyer





The Japanese Sandman

Words by Raymond B. Egan

Find Whiteman's orchestra, featuring the muted trumpet of Henry Busse, zave this 1920 classic its first and most lasting fame — and in a way obscured its true beauty. Whiteman took the ng fast, in the manner of the day. Yet I alance at Ray Egan's words and Richard Whiting's melody reveals that The Japanese Sandman" is a lullaby, last played and sung softly and gently.



Music by Richard A. Whiting

It was one of several hits for the team of Egan and Whiting. Whiting's daughter, Margaret, has had a long and varied career as a popular singer and has been responsible for keeping many of her father's greatest hits, "The Japanese Sandman" among them, alive. It is still recorded and performed, and sounds as fresh and sweet today as it did in 1920.

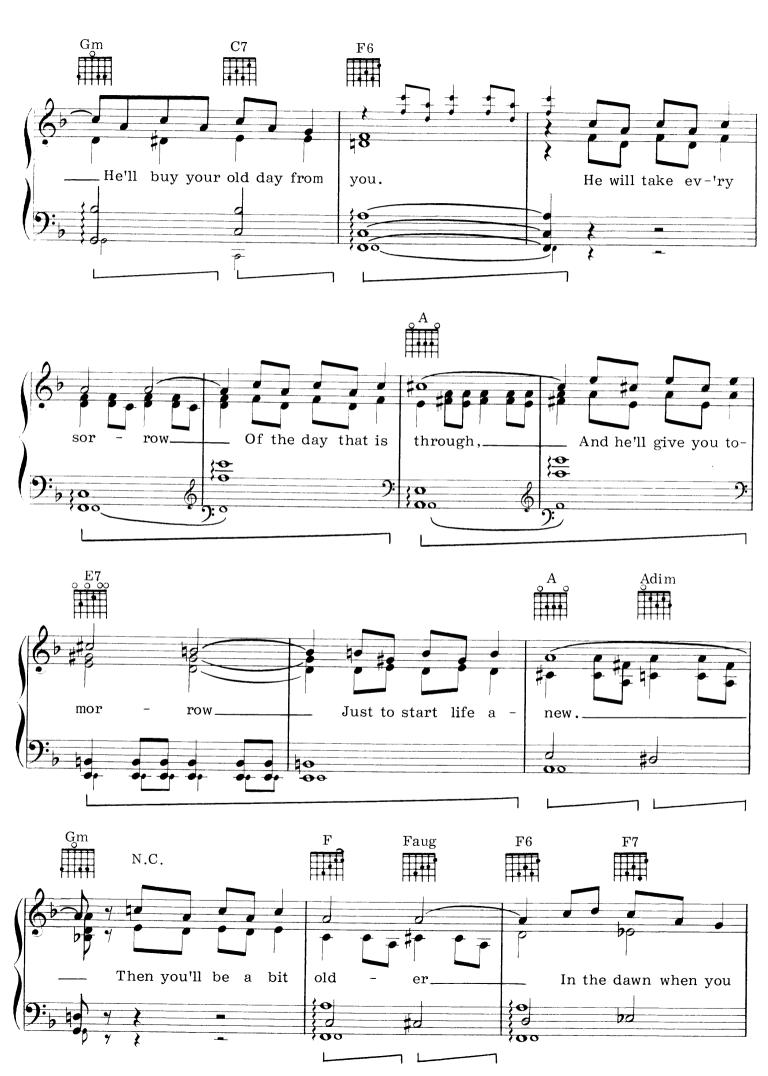


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Sweet Georgia Brown

The beloved "Ol' Maestro," bandleader Ben Bernie, first popularized this rhythmic standard in the mid-'20s, and its flowing line and chord structure have been a favorite of jazz soloists ever since. Its composer was Maceo Pinkard, who also added such perennials as "Sugar" and "Them There Eyes" to the jazzman's repertoire. "Sweet Georgia Brown" has not only been played and revived repeatedly over the years; she even had offspring. "The Daughter of Sweet Georgia Brown," by Bernie, lyricist Ken Casey and arranger Kenn Sisson, appeared in 1939 but never achieved quite the prominence of the original. Dan Fox's arrangement here incorporates a time-honored feature of jazz performances: a Charleston beat, running throughout and kicking the melody merrily along.

Words and Music by Ben Bernie, Maceo Pinkard and Kenneth Casey









SECTION 9 Old-Time Evergreens



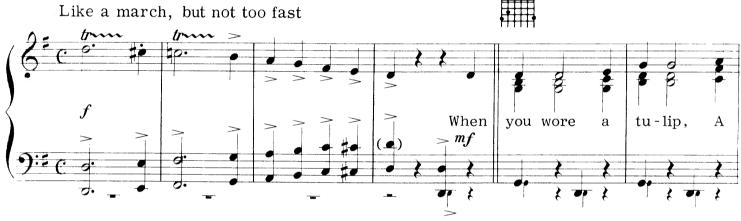
When You Wore a Tulip (and I Wore a Big Red Rose)

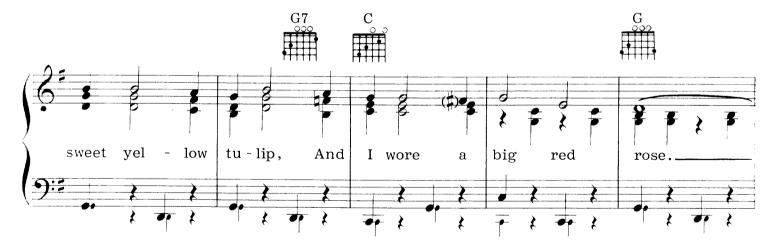


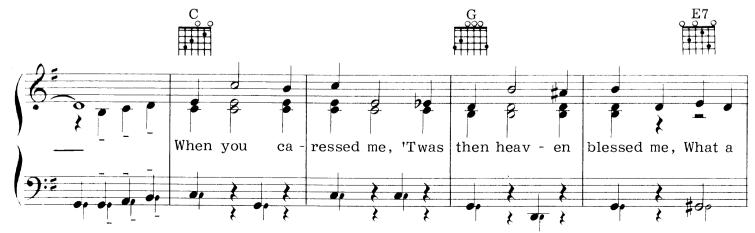
Though Percy Wenrich's name may not be familiar today, at least three of his many songs are. There are no more beloved melodies surviving from the first two decades of this century than "Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet,"
"Moonlight Bay" and this one, written with Jack
Mahoney. In addition to composing popular songs and piano rags, Wenrich had a successful vaudeville career with his wife, Dolly Connolly.

Words by Jack Mahoney; Music by Percy Wenrich











My Gal Sal

Words and Music by Paul Dresser; Adapted and arranged by Dan Fox



His brother Theodore was a celebrated novelist, but Paul Dreiser had the urge to wander. After a short try at studying for the priesthood, he joined a medicine show as a singer and comedian, changing his name to Dresser to avoid embarrassing his family. His career was varied and colorful — and ended in frustration and poverty, but not before he had penned dozens of songs, at least two of them immortal. "On the Banks of the Wabash" is a barbershop quartet favorite, but the tale of "frivolous Sal," its melody and lyric tugging at the heart, will live forever.





Jazzmen have always enjoyed playing "Indiana" — carly recordings by Red Nichols and Eddie Condon are collectors' items, and the song's flowing chord sequence has been the basis for many bebop lines, among them saxophonist Charlie Parker's "Donna Lee." The moon shining on the Wabash has reflected

in several songs: Ballard Macdonald and James Hanley wrote of it in this 1917 classic, in the process quoting (in the next-to-last line) from Paul Dresser's 1896 "On the Banks of the Wabash"; and Hoagy Carmichael included a reference to it in his 1940 "Can't Get Indiana Off My Mind."

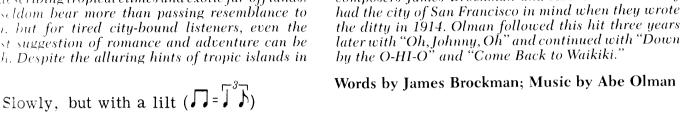




Down Among the Sheltering



ag the most popular of all popular songs have been - describing tropical climes and exotic far-off lands. The seldom bear more than passing resemblance to ity, but for tired city-bound listeners, even the exist suggestion of romance and adventure can be A. Despite the alluring hints of tropic islands in one such song, "Down Among the Sheltering Palms," composers James Brockman and Abe Olman actually by the O-HI-O" and "Come Back to Waikiki."



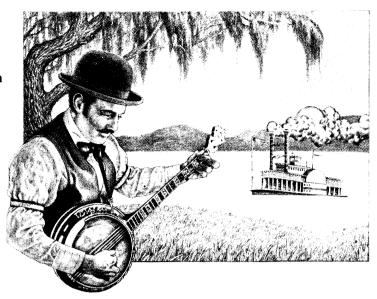


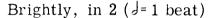


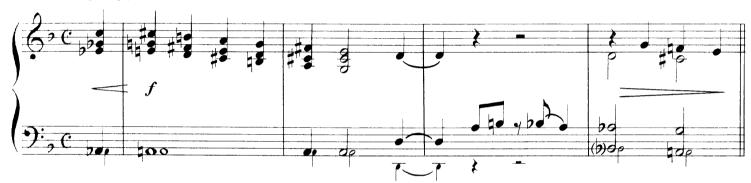
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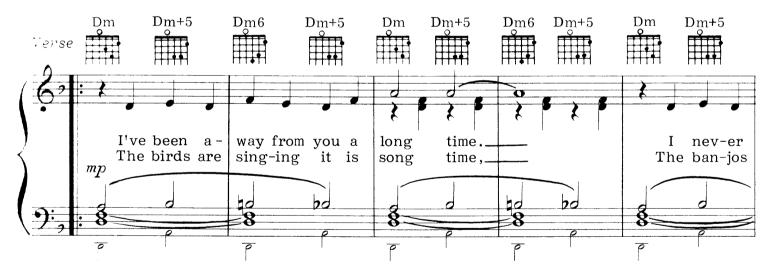
Words by Irving Caesar; Music by George Gershwin

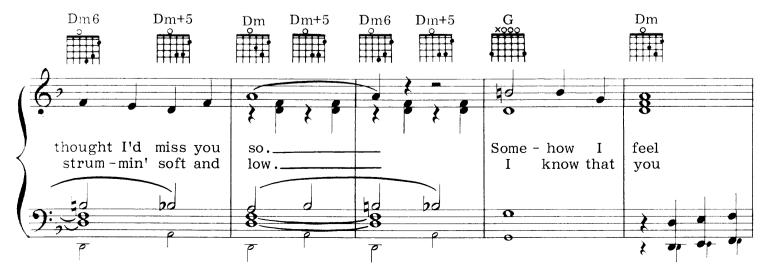
The card players objected: the two guys at the piano in the corner were making too much noise and disturbing the game. But as one of the culprits was quick to remark, the as his apartment and he'd do what he wanted to in it. And so he did. It took less than half an hour for the two then, lyricist Irving Caesar and composer George than the produce this simple, enduring standard, a satt for the great Al Jolson in his 1919 show Sinbad. For all the rehwin's later successes, "Swanee" became his the atest commercial triumph and was a milestone in Ison's long career as well.













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