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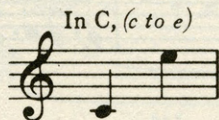
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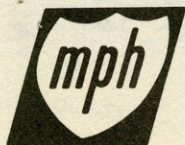
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Tempo di Blues

Piano

mf not fast

Musical notation for the piano introduction, featuring a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with triplets. The bass line features a steady eighth-note accompaniment with triplets.

Musical notation for the piano accompaniment, showing the right and left hand parts. The right hand has a melodic line with some rests, while the left hand provides a rhythmic accompaniment with triplets. Dynamics include *f* deciso and *rall.*



p Slowly and dreamily

Oh!

They say some peo-ple long a - go

p a tempo

- Were searching for a diff-erent tune, One that they could croon As on-ly they can.

*Diagrams for Guitar, Symbols for Ukulele and Banjo

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C^o A7 E^b6 G7 C7 B7 B^b7

p *rit.* *a tempo.*

They on-ly had the rhy-thm So they start-ed sway-ing to and

A^b7 G7 A^b7

fro. They did - n't know just what to use, That is how the

G7 A^b7 G7 C^o F C^o F C^o A7 A^b7 G7

blues re - al - ly be - gan: They heard the

rit.

Refrain C^o G7 G⁺ C^o E7 F D7

pa tempo *cresc.*

breeze in the trees — Sing-ing weird — mel-o - dies — And they made —

p a tempo *cresc.*

dim. **G7** *dim.* **C**

that The start of the blues.

mp **A7** **A7** **G7** *p* **G7** *cresc.* **G+** **C** **E7**

And from a jail came the wail Of a down heart-ed frail,

F **D7** **G7** **C**

And they played that As part of the blues.

dim.

mf **E7** **Dm6** **E** **Dm6**

From a whip-poor-will Out on a hill, They took a new-

mf espressivo

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E Dm6 E7 Dm6 E7 A7

note, Pushed it through a horn 'Til it was worn— In-to a blue—

piu espress.

Am7 D7 G7 Am7 A7 G7 C G7 G+

note! And then they nursed it, re - hearsed — it, And gave—

p rit. *p a tempo.* *cresc.*

C E7 F D7 G7

out the news— That the South - land gave birth to the

dim.

1. C 2. C B7 A7 C

blues! They heard the blues!

mp *p* *rall.* *pp*

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SONG TITLE	50c ea.	SHOW	SONG TITLE	50c ea.	SHOW	SONG TITLE	50c ea.	SHOW
Across The Sea	Scandals of 1922		The Ijibo	Sweet Little Devil		So Are You	Show Girl	
Argentina	Scandals of 1922		Just To Know You Are Mine	A Dangerous Maid		Somebody From Somewhere	Delicious	
At Half Past Seven	Nifties		Katinkitschka	Delicious		Somebody Loves Me	Scandals of 1924	
Babbit And The Bromide, The	Funny Face		Kickin' The Clouds Away	Tell Me More		Somehow It Seldom Comes True	La La Lucille	
Baby	Tell Me More		Kongo Kate	Scandals of 1924		Someone	For Goodness Sake	
Beautiful Gypsy	Rosalie		K-razy For You	Treasure Girl		Someone Believes In You	Sweet Little Devil	
Because Because	Of Thee I Sing		Let 'Em Eat Cake	Let 'Em Eat Cake		Someone To Watch Over Me	Oh Kay	
Best Of Everything, The	La La Lucille		Let's Be Lonesome Together	Scandals of 1923		Some Rain Must Fall	A Dangerous Maid	
Bidin' My Time	Girl Crazy		Let's Kiss And Make Up	Funny Face		Something About Love	Lady In Red	
Blah Blah Blah	Delicious		Life Of A Rose	Scandals of 1923		Some Wonderful Sort Of Someone	Look Who's Here	
Blue Blue Blue	Let 'Em Eat Cake		Limehouse Nights	Midnight Whirl		Song Of The Flame	Song Of The Flame	
Boy Wanted	A Dangerous Maid		Little Jazz Bird	Lady Be Good		Songs Of Long Ago, The	Scandals of 1920	
Boy What Love Has Done To Me	Girl Crazy		Liza (All Clouds 'll Roll Away)	Show Girl		Soon	Strike Up The Band	
But Not For Me	Girl Crazy		Lo La Lo	Scandals of 1923		South Sea Isles	Scandals of 1921	
By And By	Hayseed		Looking For A Boy	Tip Toes		So What	Pardon My English	
Cinderelatives	Scandals of 1922		Lorelei	Pardon My English		Spanish Love	Broadway Brevities	
Clap Yo' Hands	Oh Kay		Love Is Sweeping The Country	Of Thee I Sing		Strike Up The Band	Strike Up The Band	
Come To The Moon	Capitol Revue		Love Of A Wife	La La Lucille		Sunshine Trail	Sunshine Trail	
Cossack Love Song	Song Of The Flame		Luckiest Man In The World	Pardon My English		Swanee	Sinbad	
Could You Use Me	Girl Crazy		Lu Lu	Broadway Brevities		Sweet And Low Down	Tip Toes	
Dance Alone With You	Funny Face		Mademoiselle In New Rochelle	Strike Up The Band		'S Wonderful	Funny Face	
Dancing Shoes	A Dangerous Maid		Mah Jongg	Scandals of 1924		Tee-Oodle-Um-Bum-Bo	La La Lucille	
Delicious	Delicious		Man I Love	Strike Up The Band		Tell Me More	Tell Me More	
Dixie Rose	Sinbad		Maybe	Oh Kay		That American Boy Of Mine	The Dancing Girl	
Do Do Do	Oh Kay		Midnight Bells	Song Of The Flame		That Certain Feeling	Tip Toes	
Do It Again	The French Doll		Military Dancing Drill	Strike Up The Band		That Lost Barber Shop	Americana	
Do What You Do	Show Girl		Mine	Let 'Em Eat Cake		These Charming People	Tip Toes	
Drifting Along With The Tide	Scandals of 1921		My Cousin In Milwaukee	Pardon My English		There Is Nothing Too Good For You	Scandals of 1923	
Embraceable You	Girl Crazy		My Lady	Scandals of 1920		There's More To The Kiss Than The Sound	La La Lucille	
Everybody Knows I Love Somebody	Rosalie		My Fair Lady	Tell Me More		Three Times A Day	Tell Me More	
Fascinating Rhythm	Lady Be Good		My Log Cabin Home	The Perfect Fool		Throw Her In High	Scandals of 1923	
Feeling I'm Falling	Treasure Girl		My One And Only	Funny Face		Tomale		
Feeling Sentimental	Show Girl		Nashville Nightingale	Nifties		Tra La La	For Goodness Sake	
Fidgety Feet	Oh Kay		Nice Baby	Tip Toes		Tum On And Tiss Me	Scandals of 1920	
From Now On	La La Lucille		Nightie Night	Tip Toes		Tune In (To Station J.O.Y.)	Scandals of 1924	
Funny Face	Funny Face		Night Time In Araby	Scandals of 1924		Under A One Man Top	Sweet Little Devil	
Got A Rainbow	Treasure Girl		Nobody But You	La La Lucille		Union Square	Let 'Em Eat Cake	
Half Of It Dearie Blues, The	Lady Be Good		Oh Gee! Oh Joy!	Rosalie		Virginia Don't Go Too Far	Sweet Little Devil	
Hangin' Around With You	Strike Up The Band		Oh! What She Hangs Out	Scandals of 1922		Vodka	Song Of The Flame	
Hang On To Me	Lady Be Good		Oh! Thee I Sing	Of Thee I Sing		Waiting For The Sun To Come Out	Sweetheart Shop	
Harlem Serenade	Show Girl		Oh Kay	Oh Kay		Walking Home With Angeline	Hayseed	
Heaven On Earth	Oh Kay		Oh Lady Be Good	Oh Lady Be Good		We're Pals	Dere Mable	
He Loves And She Loves	Funny Face		Old New England Home	Hayseed		When Do We Dance	Tip Toes	
Hey! Hey! Let 'Er Go	Sweet Little Devil		On And On And On	Let 'Em Eat Cake		Where East Meets West	Scandals of 1921	
High Hat	Funny Face		On My Mind The Whole Night Long	Scandals of 1920		Where Is She	Scandals of 1923	
How Long Has This Been Going On	Rosalie		Oo How I Love To Be Loved By You	Ed Wynn's Carnival		Where Is The Man Of My Dreams	Scandals of 1922	
Idle Dreams	Scandals of 1920		Pepita	Sweet Little Devil		Where's The Boy, Here's The Girl	Treasure Girl	
I Don't Think I'll Fall In Love Today	Treasure Girl		Poppyland	Midnight Whirl		Where You Go, I Go	Pardon My English	
I Found A Four Leaf Clover	Scandals of 1922		Rosalie	Rosalie		Who Cares	Of Thee I Sing	
I Got Rhythm	Girl Crazy		Rose Of Madrid	Scandals of 1924		Why Do I Love You	Tell Me More	
I'll Build A Stairway To Paradise	Scandals of 1922		Sam And Delilah	Girl Crazy		Wintergreen For President	Of Thee I Sing	
Illegitimate Daughter, The	Of Thee I Sing		Say So	Rosalie		World Is Mine	Funny Face	
I Love You	Scandals of 1921		Seventeen Walk	Scandals of 1920		Yan-Ke		
I Mean To Say	Strike Up The Band		Seventeen And Twenty-One	Strike Up The Band		Yankee Doodle Rhythm	Strike Up The Band	
I Must Be Home By Twelve O'Clock	Show Girl		She Hangs Out In Our Alley	Scandals of 1922		Year After Year	Scandals of 1924	
I Need A Garden	Scandals of 1924		She's Just A Baby	Scandals of 1921		You And I (In Old Versailles)	Scandals of 1923	
Innocent Ingenue Baby	Hayseed		Show Me The Town	Oh Kay		You Are You	Song Of The Flame	
In The Mandarin's Orchard Garden	Pardon My English		Signal, The	Song Of The Flame		You-OO Just You	Hitchy-Koo	
Isn't It A Pity	Pardon My English		Simple Life	A Dangerous Maid		You've Got What Gets Me	Girl Crazy	
It's A Great Little World	Tip Toes		Snowflakes	Broadway Brevities				
I've Got A Crush On You	Strike Up The Band		So Am I	Lady Be Good				
I've Got To Be There	Pardon My English							
I Want To Be A War Bride	Strike Up The Band							
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