

# CARELESS LOVE

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The melody of "Careless Love" according to W. C. Handy is more than a half century old having been sung in the south to guitar and banjo accompaniment by illiterate singers whose diction led musical research students to list "Careless Love" as "Kelly's Love." See Odem & Johnson version (without music) page 194.

The song was given its greatest impetus by a Kentucky tragedy which furnished the motif for an impromptu epic approximating 100 stanzas, which Handy, himself, sang in Henderson, Kentucky, until police interfered since a Hendersonian was involved in the tragedy. In 1921, Pace & Handy Music Co. copyrighted this melody, publishing it as the chorus of "Loveless Love." Both "Loveless Love" and "Careless Love" appeared in "Blues An Anthology" edited by W. C. Handy with introduction by Abbie Niles and published by A. & C. Boni, Inc., 1926.

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# Careless Love

(Folk - Melody)

W. C. HANDY

\* Solovox ad lib.

All Stops on  
Except Mu.

Tune Uke  
A D F# B

Put Capo on 1st Fret

Piano

If I were a lit - tle bird I'd fly from  
When I wore my a - pron low When I

Solovox 8<sup>va</sup> sempre

B. off Mu. on \*

Solovox 8<sup>va</sup>

tree to — tree I'd build my nest way  
wore my a - pron low, When I wore my

Piano

Mu. off. B. on

up in the air Where the bad boys could not both-er me.  
a - pron low He — al - ways passed right by my door.

Mu. off. B. off \*

Piano

B. on  
Mu. DT.  
1st Vo. 2nd Vo.  
B. off

Solovox markings by Walter C. Simon. Disregard markings in Boxes when using for Piano and Voice only.

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Uke Arr. by  
Millard G. Thomas

\* To make this  
change, quickly  
use thumb of  
both hands.

Refrain

Love, oh love oh care-less love  
 Now I wear my a - pron high

*Solo* *Piano* *T.-C. off* *Solo*

Love oh love oh care-less love  
 Now I wear my a - pron high

*Solo* *T.-C. on* *Solo*

broke the heart of a man - y - poor girl But you'll  
 Now I wear my a - pron high And he

*D.T. on* *All stops on except MU.*

nev - er break this heart of mine.  
 nev - er nev - er pass - es by.

*Piano* *D.C.*

# Modern Version

# Solovox ad lib.

All Stops on  
Except Mu.

by  
SPENCER WILLIAMS, MARTHA E. KOENIG and WILLIAM C. HANDY

Slow Rocking Rhythm

Voice

3-Love, Oh love, oh CARE-LESS LOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
 4-Love, Oh love, oh CARE-LESS LOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
 5-Love, Oh love, oh CARE-LESS LOVE \_\_\_\_\_

A<sup>b</sup>

E<sup>b</sup>7

You're a dev - il in dis - guise \_\_\_\_\_ To  
 Look what you have done to me \_\_\_\_\_ You  
 Got me beat down to my socks \_\_\_\_\_ You

A<sup>b</sup>

A<sup>b</sup>7

D<sup>b</sup>

B<sup>b</sup>7

B<sup>b</sup>7-5

make \_\_\_\_\_ me think that you re an an - - - gel's saint I be -  
 picked me up, And then you threw me down And you  
 drove me out up - on a storm - y sea Then you

\* To make this change,  
quickly use Thumb  
of both hands

Ab Eb7 Abmaj7 Gbmaj7 Fbmaj7 Eb7

lieved your on' - ry pack of lies.  
 filled my heart with mis - er - y.  
 let my ship break on the rocks.

Refrain Ab Eb7 Ab Ab

4.- Love, oh love, oh CARE-LESS LOVE, \_\_\_\_\_ Love, oh  
 5.- Love, oh love, oh CARE-LESS LOVE, \_\_\_\_\_ In your  
 6.- Love, oh love, oh CARE-LESS LOVE, \_\_\_\_\_ Like a

*mf* *SoloVox* *Piano* *SOLOVOX*

Eb7 Ab

love, oh CARE - LESS LOVE, \_\_\_\_\_ You caused me to  
 clutch - es of de - sire, \_\_\_\_\_ You've made me  
 thief, comes in the night, \_\_\_\_\_ You came in -

*l.c.on*

Ab7 Db Bb7 Bb7-5 Ab

weep and you caused me to mourn Caused \_\_\_\_\_ me to  
 break \_\_\_\_\_ a man - y true vow, Then you set my  
 to \_\_\_\_\_ this glad heart of mine, Then you put my

*D.T.on* *All stops except MU.*

Eb7 1. Abmaj7 Gbmaj7 Fbmaj7 Eb7 2. Ab Eb7 Ab

leave my hap - py home. \_\_\_\_\_ home. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ve - ry soul on fire. \_\_\_\_\_ fire. \_\_\_\_\_  
 hap - pi - ness tp flight. \_\_\_\_\_ flight. \_\_\_\_\_

*PIANO* *PIANO*

## *Extra Verses*

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
You fly to the head like wine  
You've wrecked the life of many a poor gal,  
And you nearly spoiled this life of mine.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
In your clutches of desire,  
You've made me break a many true vow,  
Then you set my very soul on fire.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
All my happiness bereft  
You've filled my heart with weary old blues,  
Now I'm walkin' talkin' to myself.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Trusted you now it's too late,  
You've made me throw my only friend down  
That is why I sing this hymn of hate.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Night and day I weep and moan,  
You brought the wrong man into my life  
For my sins 'til judgment I'll atone.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Here is all that I can say  
Just like a Gypsy I'm roamin' 'round  
And just can't keep the blues away.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Like a thief comes in the night  
You came into this glad heart of mine  
Then you put my happiness to flight.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Why did I believe in you?  
When I knew well you wasn't on the square,  
Just a cheat and mean mistreater too.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Someday you will meet your fate,  
And when you do, you'll sigh and cry  
There will be no one to compensate.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Go away leave me alone  
Don't hang around my door anymore,  
For the faith I had in you has flown.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Won't you please set my heart free  
Oh let me be, in sweet peace of mind  
Then I'll find someone who cares for me.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Reckless and you're running wild  
You made my gal break up our happy home  
And leave me weeping like a child.

Love, oh love, oh Careless Love,  
Cross my heart and hope to die  
If I can't get my baby back home  
Then I'm gonna kiss myself goodbye.

Try this over on your Piano

# THE MAN IN THE TURBAN

Lyric and Music by  
MELBA NOBLE

INTRO:

staccato

The introduction consists of two staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The right hand features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

I know \_\_\_\_\_ a dark man in a tur- ban \_\_\_\_\_ in a ca-fé in

The first phrase of the song is set in G major, 2/4 time. The vocal line is on a single staff, and the piano accompaniment is on two staves. The lyrics are: "I know \_\_\_\_\_ a dark man in a tur- ban \_\_\_\_\_ in a ca-fé in".

Ri-o, De-Jan-eir-o Bra-zil \_\_\_\_\_ He

The second phrase of the song is set in G major, 2/4 time. The vocal line is on a single staff, and the piano accompaniment is on two staves. The lyrics are: "Ri-o, De-Jan-eir-o Bra-zil \_\_\_\_\_ He".

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