

SM 1678

Rusty-Can-O-"Rag"

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Moderato.

The piano introduction is in 2/4 time, marked Moderato. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note chord of F4 and A4. The bass line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note chord of B-flat3 and D3. The piece features a series of chords and melodic lines in both hands, with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte) at the beginning.

The first vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "There's one sweet mel - o - dy, It sounds so Last night I think I go, To see a". The piano accompaniment is in bass clef, providing harmonic support with chords and a steady bass line. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano) and *f* (forte).

The second vocal line continues the melody with the lyrics: "good to me, From Sun - ny I - ta - ly, In dis great pic - ture show, Sit in the se - cond row. I want to". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano) and *f* (forte).

The third vocal line concludes the piece with the lyrics: "big - a land, You got no mus - ic what's - a half so grand. get a jag, Fe - cos a 'Wop' he sing 'I - tal - ian rag'". The piano accompaniment features a *fp* (fortissimo) dynamic marking. The piece ends with a final chord in the piano.

For when dey play dat strain, It take a - way your pain, Make you feel young a - gain,
Out - side an or - gan play, I tell Mar - ie to stay, I come back right a - way.

That's why when I am sad, That "Rus - ty - can - o Rag" it make me glad. —
I push right thro' the crowd, And to the or - gan man I say out loud: —

fp *rit.*

CHORUS.

Oh, Wop, don't stop, Play - ing that Rus - ty - can - o - Rag. — It

p-f pesante *p*

make me spoon - ey, got me loon - ey, Sac - ra - men - to, Cal - i - for - nia,

When I hear that mus - ic swell, I feel just like I was in Hea - ven, Oh! Kid,

my lid is swim-ming, like a fish what's got a jag, — I

stab my-self with a ban-an', If you no play dat Rus-ty-can-o, Hey! Nick, play quick, So

Ma - ri-utch can hootch a cootch, That beau - ti - ful Rus - ty - can - o Rag. — Rag. —