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I Sent My Wife To The Thousand Isles

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Tempo di Marcia

The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. The first system is in 2/4 time, marked *f* (forte), and features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second system continues the piece with triplets in both the treble and bass staves, marked *fz* (forzando).

VOICE

The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics: "We stood up-on the pier to-day . and said our last good-bye, And Just think when I get home to-night there'll be no wifey - there, And". The piano accompaniment is marked *p* (piano) and features a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "as I held her hand in mine a tear stood in my eye — She just a - cross the tab - le I will see a va - cant chair — I". The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern.

saw that tear and said "I hate to leave my lone-some boy" — I
love my wife, I love my wife, I love her more each day — I

turned a - way she did not know, those tears were tears of joy. —
love my wife, I love my wife, be - cause she's far a - way. —

poco rit.

CHORUS Allegro Moderato

I sent my wife — to the Thous-and Isles — to - day — she's on her

way — She'll spend a week — on ev - ry Isle — and

say that's why I'm gay So ev - 'ry bod -
To - night when I

- y come and give three cheers — She's going to be a - way for
go home at half past ten — I'll turn a - round — and walk right

twen - ty years — 'Cause I sent my wife — to the Thous - and Isles — to -
out a - gain —

day Hoo - ray! I ray!

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Extra Verses and Choruses

I'm going to take the rugs up I won't need them anymore
And buy some new dance records, then get down and wax the floor,
I'll fill the ice chest full of things, then phone the boys and say,
Come up and bring the girls, my home is now a cabaret.

CHORUS

I sent my wife to the Thousand Isles today, she's on her way
She'll spend a week on every Isle and say, that's why I'm gay
And if the tenants start to raise a shout,
I'll buy the house and put the Tenants out,
'Cause I sent my wife to the Thousand Isles today, Hooray!

She told me I must not forget to feed the dog and cat —
I think they'll have to take their meals down at the automat,
And then I'll take the parrot and jab cotten in each ear, —
I'd hate to have him tell the wife, the things that he will hear.

CHORUS

I sent my wife to the Thousand Isles today, she's on her way,
She'll spend a week on every Isle and say, that's why I'm gay,
I'll give a chicken dinner twice a week,
I won't let Ziegfeld even have a peek,
'Cause I sent my wife to the Thousand Isles today, Hooray!

I'll tell the elevator boy to tell the girl next door,
To tell her friend, to tell her friend down on the second floor,
To tell her friend, to tell her friend, the blonde across the street,
To tell her friend, to tell her friend, to speak next time we meet.

CHORUS

I sent my wife to the Thousand Isles today, she's on her way
She'll spend a week on every Isle and say, that's why I'm gay
There's not a girl for whom my heart don't yearn,
So just be patient girls and wait your turn,
'Cause I sent my wife to the Thousand Isles today, Hooray!

EXTRA CATCH LINES FOR EXTRA CHORUSES

I've been a dead one and an also ran
But now I'm going to be a ladies man.

Now at the Winter Garden I'll be found
The stage door there will be my camping ground.

There'll be no one to holler in my ear
There goes the "Buzzer" take the milk off dear.

Now I can snore until the ceilings crack
No one will yell, wake up you're on your back.

And when I pass the girl that 'tends the phone
I'll hum that little ditty "All Alone."

And if by chance you meet some lonesome squab
Just say that little Willie's on the job.