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My Little Hong Kong Baby.

(MY LITTLE CUP OF TEA.)

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Allegretto non troppo.

Piano.

In a lit - tle laun - dry down in
 In a lit - tle tea - shop Far in
 In a lit - tle laun - dry down in

Chi - na town There's a lit - tle Chi - na - man, With pig - tail hang - ing down,
 Chi - na's land Sits a lit - tle Chi - na girl, With tea - cup in her hand,
 Chi - na town Kneels a lit - tle Chi - na - man, Whose tears are stream - ing down,

Ching - a - ling ling - a - ling - a - ling - a - ling.
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Toils from ear - ly morn - ing Far in - to the night.
 As the dain - ty peach blooms, Show - er from a - bove.
 In his hand a let - ter From a - cross the sea.

All the lin - en pol - ish - ing un - til it's clean and bright
 Stands a gay young man - da - rin who's breath - ing words of love
 He has read with burn - ing eyes of faith - less Fo - vey See

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Folks who pass the laun - dry, Oft - en stop to ask,
 How her feat - ures bright - en, How her soft eyes shine,
 Folks who pass the laun - dry, Won - der on their way,

Why a Chi - na - man should sing Gai - ly at his task
 As she hears his burn - ing words "Fo - vey See be mine!"
 Why he - does not sing the song He sang yes - ter - day

sempre stacc.

Why he's ne - ver lone - ly, Mid the for - eign throng,
 But a my - stic mur - mur, Falls up - on her ear,
 See him sad and lone - ly All the dark day long,

Ah if they could on - ly know The burd - en of his song Ching - a - ling —
 As a song from o'er the sea The maid - en seems to hear Ching - a - ling —
 Hope - less lit - tle Chi - na - man No long - er sings this song Ching - a - ling —

rit. *cresc.* *f a tempo.*

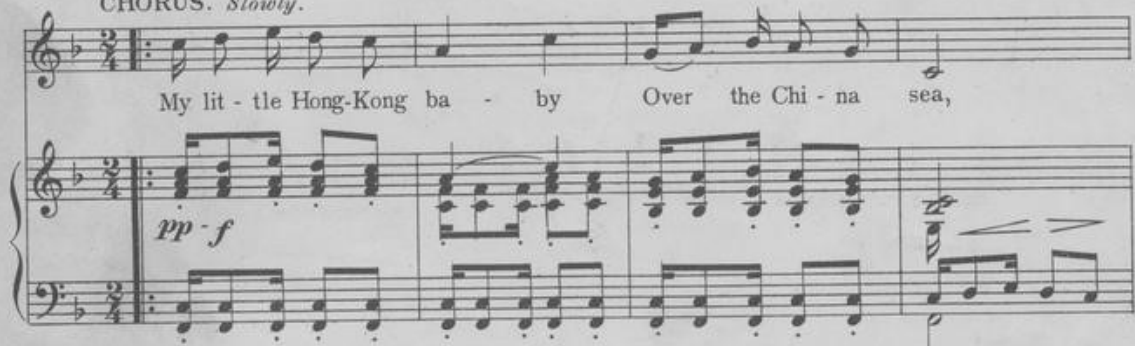
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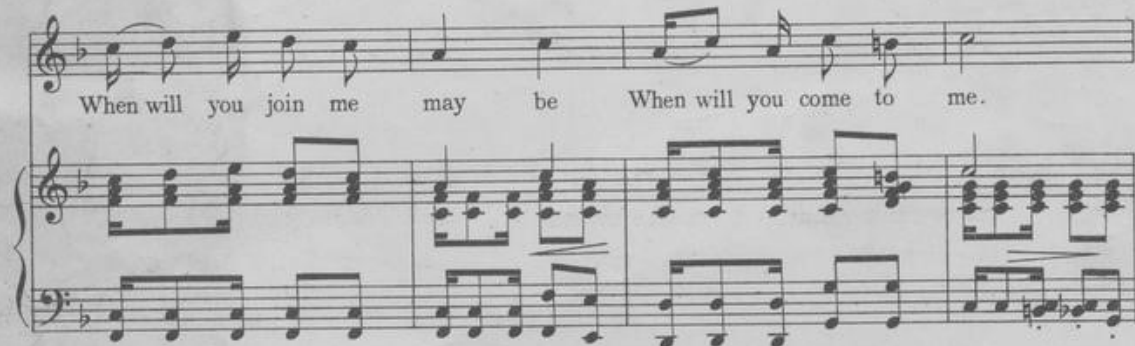
CHORUS. *Slowly.*

My lit - tle Hong-Kong ba - by Over the Chi - na sea,

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When will you join me may be When will you come to me.



When will our wed-ding day be My lit - tle Foo-ey See, My lit - tle HongKong

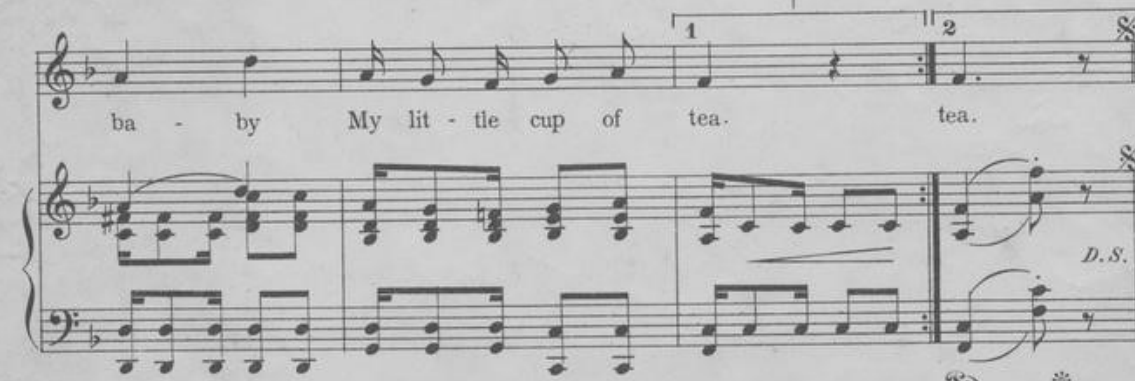
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