

INNOCENT BESSIE BROWN

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Moderato

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The key signature changes from one sharp (F#) to two sharps (F# and C#) during the piece. Dynamics include *f* and *ff*.

The first system shows the vocal melody on a single staff and the piano accompaniment on two staves. The lyrics are:

1. In - no - cent Bes - sie land - ed

2. Bes - sie was stop - ping with her

The second system continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are:

in the ci - ty, From Kan - ka - kee — the sights to see, —

sec - ond cous - in, Who was a beaut, — cun - ning and cute; —

Fel-lows looked at — her say - ing what a pi - ty, She's from the farm —
Fel-lows would call — up - on her by the doz - en, In - no - cent Bess, —

mean ing no harm, — Ev' - ry maid - en, ev' - ry gent,
nev - er could guess, — Where her cous - in got such toys,

When dis - cuss - ing she, Said she must be
Dia - monds more or less, 'Twas n't long be -

in - no - cent, 'Cause she came from Kan - ka - kee. —
fore the boys Made a jewl - ry store of Bess. —

CHORUS

In - no - cent Bes - sie Brown Want - ed to see — the
In - no - cent Bes - sie Brown Dressed in a coun - try

town,
gown,
Met up - on the Av - e - nue one
Bes - sie Brown was lone - some for a

af - ter - noon fair, — A fel - low who said "ave - nit you an
dia - mond or two, — But since she met the ci - ty she could

hour — to spare?" So pret - ty In - no - cent Bes - - sie
loan some to you, — And she was In - no - cent Bes - - sie

Brown, Went for an hour in town _____ And when the
 Brown, Lived in a coun - try town _____ When Mrs.

day was break - ing they were still par - tak - - ing Of some
 Mor - gan chub - by, missed her dar - ling hub - - by, She be -

fizz - es of gin _____ that fizzed with - in, _____
 gan talk - ing war _____ while hunt - ing for _____

In - no - cent Bes - - sie Brown. _____ Brown. _____
 In - no - cent Bes - - sie Brown. _____ Brown. _____

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