

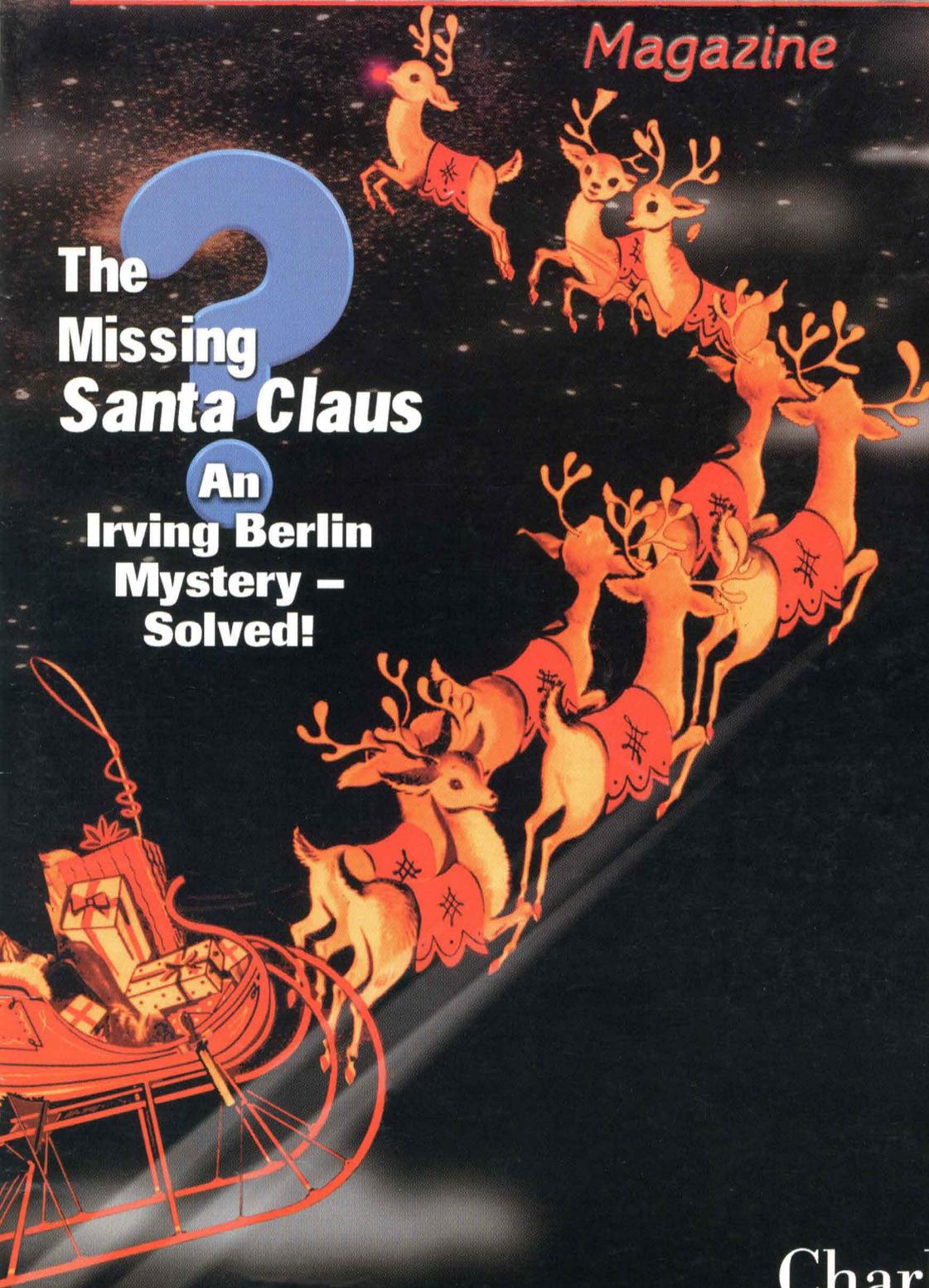
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Santa Claus

A Syncopated Christmas Song

It is both a rare and privileged opportunity for us to premiere a song by one of the great writers—and they don't come much greater than this songwriter! We have Boston cabaret duo Bradford Conner and Benjamin Sears to thank for unearthing this catchy Christmas offering; they share the story on page 6. The "or else" sentiment of this 1916 carol—whereby only "good" children receive Christmas gifts—predates similar themes found in 1934's "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town" and 1955's "Nuttin' For Christmas."

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Allegro moderato

Piano introduction musical notation in B-flat major, 4/4 time, starting with a treble and bass clef. The melody is syncopated, featuring chords and eighth notes.

Musical notation for piano accompaniment, including guitar chord diagrams for E^b and B^b7. The notation includes dynamics like *fz* and *p*, and a phrase "till ready".

Vocal line with lyrics: "Soon he'll be com - ing down the chim - 'ny with a bag on his back where he". Includes piano accompaniment and guitar chord diagrams for E^b and B^b7.

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car-ries a pack of I don't have to tell you what; Soon _____ ev-'ry kid-'ll hol-ler

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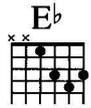
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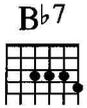
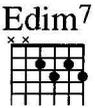
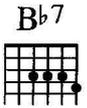
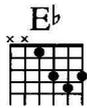
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leave them this or that. So you'd bet - ter be good. _____ Just like a

p-f

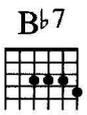
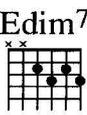
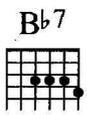
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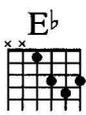
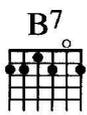
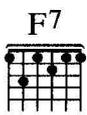



good ba-by should, _____ or he will fly _____ right by _____ to an - oth - er neigh - bor-

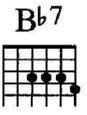
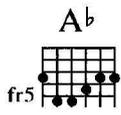
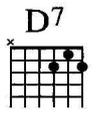
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hood. _____ He don't give his toys _____ to bad lit - tle boys _____ or bad lit - tle

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girls that's un - der - stood. _____ So don't act like a fool. _____ and don't play

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E^b A^bdim⁷ E^b7 A^b C⁷

hook - y from school. If you're for - got - ten, you'll know the cause.

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Fm D⁷ E^b7 C⁷

If you do an - y - thing that's shock - ing, You'll find an emp - ty stock - ing, and you'll

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Fm C Fm B^b7 1. E^b Fm⁷ B^b7 2. E^b

say, where is it, you won't get a vis - it from San - ta Claus. So you'd Claus.

fz