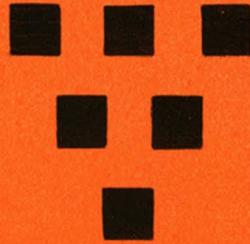


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Moderato

mf

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a series of chords and eighth notes in a rhythmic pattern. The left hand plays a bass line with chords and eighth notes. The tempo is marked 'Moderato' and the dynamic is 'mf'.

Till ready

Al - ex - an - der John - son had a
Al - ex - an - der whis - tled till he

The first vocal line is written on a single staff. It begins with a rest for two measures, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment is shown below the vocal line, with a dynamic marking of 'p'.

mu - sic ear,.....
caught a cold,.....

He could whis - tle an - y tune he'd
Pret - ty soon the fe - ver got a

The second vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth notes.

ev - er hear,
strangle - hold,

Could-nt sing or hum,
Doc - tor shook his head,

he was good as dumb,
looked at him and said,

The third vocal line concludes the phrase. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth notes.

When it came to sing - ing, but you bet he could whis - tle some.
 "Cut the whis - tle out," the doc - tor shout - ed, "And stay in bed."

Li - za heard him whis - tle - ing a rag - time air,.....
 Li - za heard the doc - tor and be - gan to shout,

"Me for you," she whis - pered to him then and there,
 "Doc - tor, if you're goin' to cut the whis - tle out,....."

Now he can't de - cline, be it rain or shine,
 Won't you kind - ly wait, e'er it is too late,

Li - za keeps a - shout - ing all the time.....
 Let me say be - fore you op - er - ate.".....

CHORUS (To be whistled).....

Hon - ey, whis - tle that whis - tling rag,.....

Fill your lungs with that whis - tling drag,

Bless - ings up - on..... the fai - ry who re - vealed my black can - a - ry.

Hon - ey, I..... can't re - ply,..... just cause my.....

lips are dry, So hon - ey, whis - tle that whis - tling rag,.....

(To be whistled)

That's the whis - tling rag. rag.