

I WOULD ! IF I COULD ! BUT I CAN'T ! WHY ?

# BECAUSE I'M MARRIED NOW

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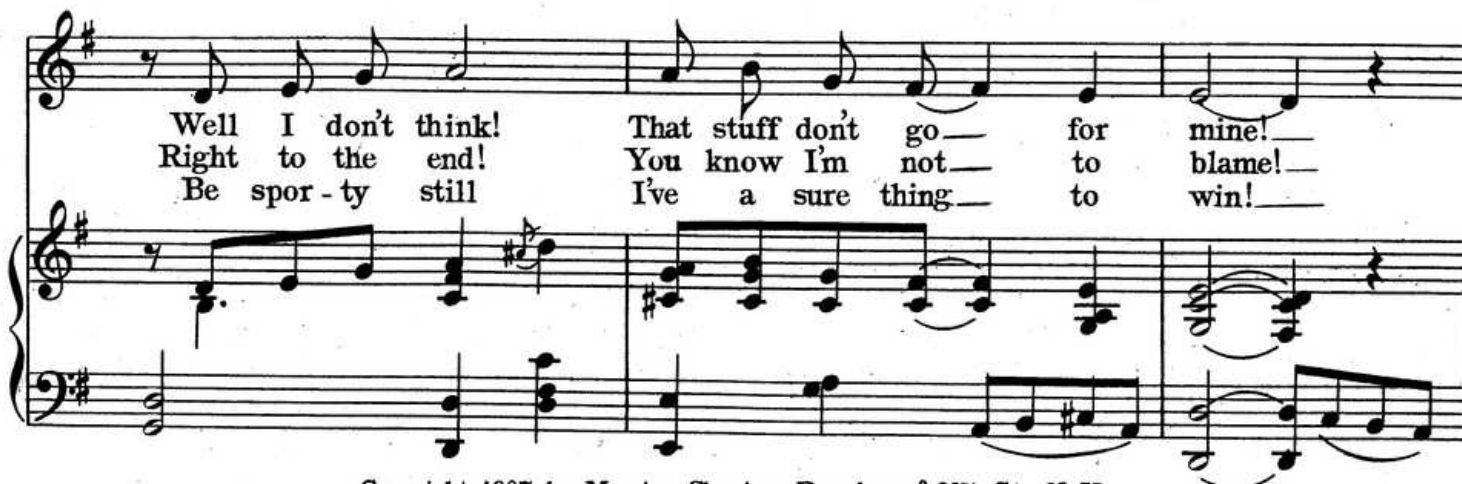
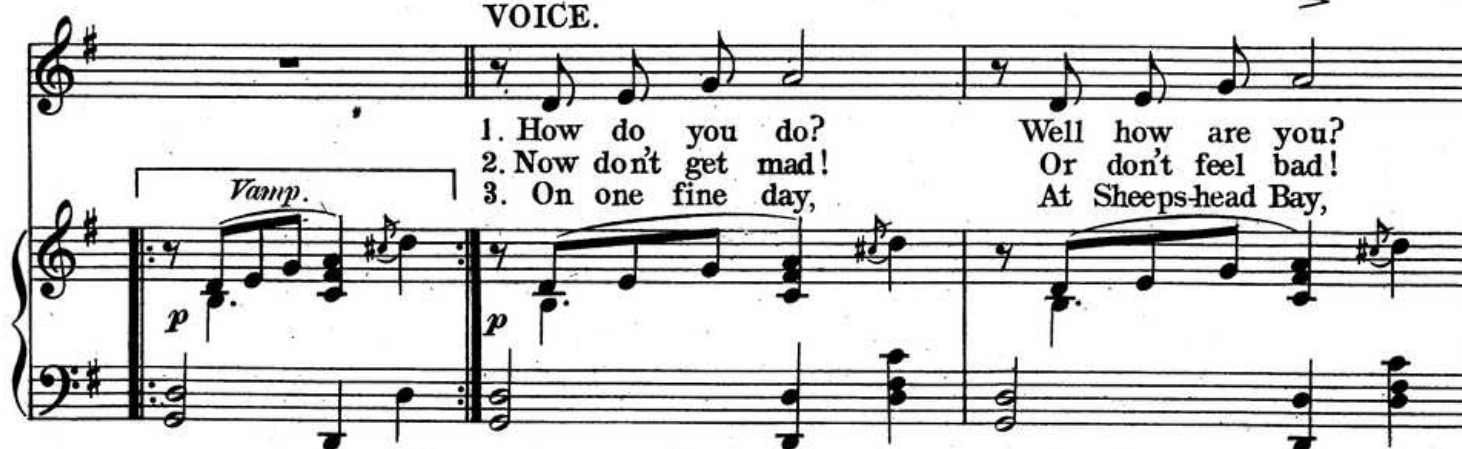
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INTRO. Moderato.



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No, not just one, 'Cause if I be - gun: — Lord knows where I — would  
 What? Go see Nell? — Whom you like well? And she'll in - tro - duce me to  
 He's ten to one, — And called Sho-gun. — You'll ne - ver miss a

end — Now look here old man — I —  
 Mame? — No thank you old scout — 'Twould be  
 ten! — Bill looked kind a sad, — He —

know where I stand — Just — lis - ten to an old, old friend. —  
 sure to get out — I would like to see them just the same. —  
 must have felt bad — When he said now you just look here Hen: —  
*poco rit.*

## CHORUS.

(Spoken)

1. I would, if I could, but I can't, Why? be - cause I'm mar - ried  
 2. I would, if I could, but I can't, Why? be - cause I'm mar - ried  
 3. I would, if I could, but I can't, Why? be - cause I'm mar - ried  
*p-f* *fz*

Because I'm married now.

now! I bid all those things get be-hind me when I took, the  
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mar-ri-age vow, I may be strong, but my wife is strong-er, And if  
 mar-ri-age vow, Since I've been married, and you know that's re-cent, I will  
 mar-ri-age vow, They say that mon-ey is a man's best friend, Then when

I do wrong I'd have a home no long-er! I would, if I could, but I  
 have you understand that I am perfect-ly de-cent! I would, if I could, but I  
 you get mar-ried all your friend-ship ends, I would, if I could, but I

(Spoken)

can't! Why? Be cause I'm mar-ried now.  
 can't! Why? Be cause I'm mar-ried now.  
 can't! Why? Be cause I'm mar-ried now.

Because I'm married now.



# Because I'm Married Now

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Female Version.

How do you do?  
Well how are you?  
Me? I'm just feeling fine.  
Sale? well I should guess  
Cheap? well I guess yes.  
Come on let's get in line.  
Yes, that's Mr. Wilks,  
He works in the silks,  
Know him? I should pretend!  
What's that, Mr. Kline  
Wants to take me to dine?  
Just whisper to my former friend.

## CHORUS.

I would, if I could,  
But I can't, Why?  
Because I'm married now  
I bid all those things get behind me,  
When I took, the marriage vow.  
I'm pretty strong,  
But my old man's stronger,  
And if I'd do wrong,  
I'd have a home no longer.  
I would, if I could,  
But I can't, Why?  
Because I'm married now.

Now don't get mad,  
And don't feel bad,  
I thank you just the same.  
I am his friend,  
Right to the end  
Tell him I am not to blame.  
What's that you say?  
To some cafe?  
Have something nice to drink?  
The idea Miss Trout,  
'twould be sure to leak out  
Now don't be angry, stop and think.

## CHORUS.

I would, if I could,  
But I can't, Why?  
Because I'm married now,  
I bid all those things get behind me,  
When I took, the marriage vow,  
Now I'm not tall,  
And he's no taller,  
But we have something home  
That is a great deal smaller (cry)  
I would, if I could  
But I dasn't, Why?  
Because I'm married now.

Now I am sore,  
So say no more,  
For tempting me is mean,  
Supper I know,  
After the show,  
Has Jake got a new machine?  
We'll all get a bun,  
Me get home at one  
I don't dare leave Fred alone,  
That would make him wild,  
He can't manage the child  
And then I'd lose my happy home.

## CHORUS.

I would, if I could,  
But I can't, Why?  
Because I'm married now  
I bid all those things behind me,  
When I took, the marriage vow.  
I'd steer the auto,  
And I'd work the throttle,  
But you know I got to  
Give the kid it's bottle  
I would, if I could,  
But I can't, Why?  
Because I'm married now.

## EXTRA CHORUSES.

I would, if I could,  
But I can't, Why?  
Because I'm married now.  
I bid all those things get behind me,  
When I took, the marriage vow.  
Since I've been married,  
And you know that's recent,  
I'll have you to understand,  
That I'm perfectly decent.  
I would if I could,  
But I can't, Why?  
Because I'm married now.

I would, if I could,  
But I can't, Why?  
Because I'm married now.  
I bid all those things get behind me,  
When I took, the marriage vow.  
I'd join the bunch,  
And I'd go to luncheon,  
But I've got a hunch,  
That I might get a puncheon,  
I would, if I could,  
But I can't, Why?  
Because I'm married now.



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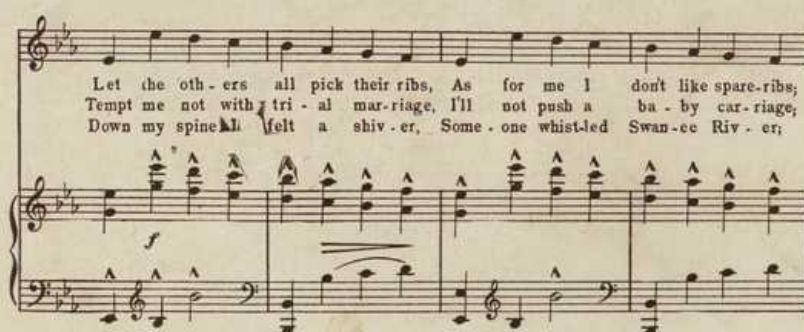
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