

12 ORIGINAL

FATS WALLER

KOMPOSITIONEN



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Thomas „Fats“ Waller 1904-1943

Immer wenn dieser riesige Mann mit dem glücklichen Gesicht am Klavier saß, spielte er es, als ob dieses Instrument zu seinem Vergnügen erfunden wurde. Wenn er sang und seine seelenvollen großen Augen rollte, strahlten sie Gutmütigkeit aus. Das war der große Pianist, der große Unterhalter, das war „Fats“ Waller; der Mann, der das Musik- und Unterhaltungsgeschäft im Sturm eroberte und die Welt mit unzähligen Schallplatten seiner Songs beglückte.

Bereits als Junge gab man ihm wegen seines rundlichen Aussehens den Spitznamen „Fats“, den er für sein ganzes Leben behielt und der schließlich zum Qualitätssymbol wurde. Mit bürgerlichem Namen hieß er Thomas Wright Waller. Von früher Jugend an galt seine ganze Liebe dem Klavier und der Orgel.

In der Stummfilmzeit, als noch in jedem Kino Musiker saßen, um den Film zu untermalen, fand er ausreichend Gelegenheit, sein musikalisches Talent zu entwickeln. Das war aber auf die Dauer für ihn nicht befriedigend, er wollte mehr, wollte Jazz spielen und ging zu dem großen James P. Johnson, der seine Fähigkeiten sofort erkannte. Johnson war es dann auch, der „Fats“ auf den rechten Weg brachte. Als Lehrer unterwies und förderte er ihn, wo er nur konnte. Damals war gerade das elektrische Klavier in Mode gekommen. Die hierfür erforderlichen Papierwalzen mußten von einem Pianisten bespielt werden, bevor sie vervielfältigt wurden und in den Handel kamen. Auch hierbei war ihm Johnson behilflich. Nun war der Weg ins Schallplattenstudio nicht mehr weit. Zunächst betätigte er sich dort als Begleitpianist bei Gesangsaufnahmen, machte aber sehr bald auch eigene Aufnahmen.

Hier begann seine eigentliche Karriere. In Zusammenarbeit mit verschiedenen Textdichtern, von denen besonders Andy Razf und J. C. Johnson genannt werden müssen, entstanden zahllose populäre Songs, von denen viele für Musik-Revuen geschrieben wurden. Lieder wie HONEYSUCKLE ROSE, AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' und I'VE GOT A FEELIN' I'M FALLIN' sind weltberühmt geworden und heute noch Evergreens.

Als der Rundfunk sich seiner bemächtigte, wurde „Fats“ in ganz kurzer Zeit im ganzen Land bekannt. Das war der Durchbruch. Nach seiner einjährigen Tätigkeit am Sender WLW in Cincinnati machte er ausgedehnte Tourneen, die ihn u. a. auch nach New York führten, wo er für Theateraufführungen und Rundfunksendungen verpflichtet wurde.

Durch seine Schallplatten wurde „Fats“ dann auch im Ausland bekannt. Man holte ihn bald nach Europa, wo er zunächst in England, aber auch in anderen Ländern große Erfolge für sich buchen konnte. Während dieser Reisen entstanden einige bemerkenswerte Aufnahmen, die heute noch zu den Raritäten der Schallarchive gehören.

In Amerika begann dann für ihn eine Periode von Blitztourneen, die ihn zu Theatern, Rundfunkstationen und Night-Clubs führten. Schließlich holte ihn auch Hollywood, wo er in zahlreichen Filmen mitwirkte und seine Songs sang und spielte.

Während der letzten Jahre seiner Karriere wurde „Fats“ von dem sehr bekannten Ed Kirkeby gemanagt, ein Mann, der sehr erfolgreich war und im Musikgeschäft eine große Rolle spielte. In dem Buch „AIN'T MISBEHAVIN‘“ gibt Kirkeby eine detaillierte und faszinierende Zusammenfassung des Lebens von Thomas „Fats“ Waller, vom Leben und Schaffen dieses größten der großen Musiker und Unterhalter.

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DON'T GIVE ME THAT JIVE

By
THOMAS "FATS" WALLER
and ED KIRKEBY

Moderately

C Am7 D7 G13 C Am7 D7 G13

You can real - ly
You've been out'most run your mouth
ev - 'ry night From the North down to the South -
And your hair ain't hang - in' right, } Don't give me that

A9 Dm7 Fm6 1. C G7 2. C G7 C7
jive, Come on with the Come on. Come on Ba - by what you're

B7 Bb7
say - in', You know it just ain't nice, If that's your way of play - in',

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Am7 D7 G7 C G7+5 C C7 Am7

No dice, ba - by, no dice!
you can twist some oth - er 'ga-tor,
But don't take me

Fm6 C Em7 A9 Dm7 Fm6 C G7 C G9+5

for a 'ta-ter, Don't give me that jive, Comeon with the comeon.

C C7 Am7 Fm6 C > Em A9

Dm7 G7-9 C Gm7 C7 B7 Gm C7 F

Fm6 C > A7 Dm7 G11-9 C > G7

4

Gm7 C7 Gm7 C7 F#m7 B7

F#m7 B7 Fm7 Bb7 Fm7 Bb7

Am7 D7 Dm7 G7 C G11

C13 Am Fm6

C Em A7 Dm7 Dm7-5 C

UP JUMPED YOU WITH LOVE

By
THOMAS "FATS" WALLER
and ED KIRKEBY

Moderately

The musical score consists of six staves of music. The top two staves are for the piano, showing chords and bass notes. The vocal part begins on the third staff with lyrics. The piano part continues on the fourth staff, followed by another section on the fifth staff. The final staff contains lyrics at the end of the song.

Piano Chords:

- Staff 1: E♭, Fm7, B♭13, E6, Fm7, B♭7
- Staff 2: Eb, Eb, Eb
- Staff 3: had no ro - mance nor heav - en - ly bliss, I nev - er want - ed a
read when in school of bees and the flow'r's, I al - so heard of the
- Staff 4: Eb7, Ab, Ab7, 1. Eb, B7, Bb9, Bb7-9, Eb8
- Staff 5: Fm7, Bb7, 2. Eb, B7, Fm7, Bb7, Eb, Fm7, Bb13, Eb
- Staff 6: Eb9, Ab, Db7, Gb9, B

Vocal Lyrics:

had no romance nor heavenly bliss, I never wanted a
read when in school of bees and the flow'r's, I also heard of the

good-night kiss, } Then all at once, Up Jumped You With Love.
Spring and show'r's,

I Up Jumped You With Love..

Some-thing hap-pened to me quickly, Some-thing made my heart act sick-ly,

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Dm7 G7 C F7 Bb7 Eb

Then and there I knew that strictly — Love had pri-o - ri - ty. I need-ed no stars, I

Eb7 Ab A♭7

no-ticed no moon, I al - ways thought it was dumb to spoon, Then all at once,

Eb B7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb Fm7 Bb7 Eb

Up Jumped You With Love... 3

Eb7 Ab

Eb B7 Bb9 Bb7-9 Eb6 Fm7 Bb7 Eb

Musical score page 1. Treble and bass staves. Key signature: B-flat major (two flats). Time signature: common time. Measures 1-2: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, B-flat, E-flat, B-flat) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measure 3: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, B-flat, E-flat, B-flat) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measure 4: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, B-flat, E-flat, B-flat) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measure 5: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, B-flat, E-flat, B-flat) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat).

Musical score page 2. Treble and bass staves. Key signature: B-flat major (two flats). Time signature: common time. Measures 1-2: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, B-flat, F minor 7, B-flat 7) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measure 3: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, F minor 7, B-flat 7, E-flat) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measure 4: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, B-flat, E-flat, B-flat) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measure 5: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat 9, A-flat 9, D-flat 9) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat).

Musical score page 3. Treble and bass staves. Key signature: B-flat major (two flats). Time signature: common time. Measures 1-2: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (G-flat 9, B, D minor 7, G 7) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measure 3: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (C, F 7) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat).

Musical score page 4. Treble and bass staves. Key signature: B-flat major (two flats). Time signature: common time. Measures 1-2: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat 9, B-flat 7) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measures 3-4: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, B-flat, E-flat 9, B-flat 9, E-flat, B-flat, E-flat 9, B-flat 9, E-flat, B-flat, E-flat 9, B-flat 9) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measures 5-6: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat).

Musical score page 5. Treble and bass staves. Key signature: B-flat major (two flats). Time signature: common time. Measures 1-2: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, B-flat, E-flat 9, A-flat, F minor 7-5) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measures 3-4: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (E-flat, C-flat 7, F minor 7) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat). Measures 5-6: Treble staff has eighth-note chords (A-flat 7, E-flat) with grace notes. Bass staff has eighth-note chords (B-flat, D-flat, B-flat, D-flat).

BESSIE,BESSIE,BESSIE

By
THOMAS "FATS" WALLER
and ED KIRKEBY

Blues tempo

F6

B \flat 7

C11

Cm7

F7

F7

8

B \flat 7

C7

F

C7

F

G \sharp o

C7

C11

C7

F

C7

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F

C7+5

F

Bb7

C11

Say,

Bes - sie, Bes - sie, Bes-sie,
passed by your win-dow
Bes - sie, Bes - sie, Bes-sie,Take your big arm off
Peeked through your
Stay a-way from myme,
screen,
door,

C9+5

F7

Oh,
I
Yes,

Bb7

Bes - sie, Bes - sie, Bes-sie,
passed by your win-dow,
Bes - sie, Bes - sie, Bes-sie,Take your big arm off me,
Peeked through your screen,
Stay a-way from my door,Say, it
I could
I got an-

C7

Gm7-5

1-2

F

Gm7

might be send-ing you,—
see what you was do-ing,
oth - er fine— chick,But it's darn near kill-ing me.
How can you be so mean?
Don't need you no more.

F

C7+5

3

C9+5 F6

I
Say,

OH BABY,SWEET BABY

By

THOMAS "FATS" WALLER
and ED KIRKEBY

Moderately

Moderately

F Dm Gm7 C9+5 F Dm Gm7 C9+5

If I could on - ly hold your hand
I would-n't have to knockdown doors

F 3 A^bo C7 3 Gm7 C7

If you would on - ly un-der - stand
I would-n't have to clutch at straws } Oh

G9 C7 1 A7 D7 G7-5 C7 2 F Gm7

Ba-by, Sweet Ba-by, oh what are you do - ing to

me?

me?

F G^b7 F7 G^b7 F7 B^b

— As time pass-es by, the sweet-er you grow I just feel the need of

A^b7

G7

A^b7

G7

C7

one like you For when you're in love,— you just close your eyes— Start to dream-ing of a girl and

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F *g* A_b^o C7 *g* Gm7

Par-a - dise I know that you're in great de - mand You'd bet-ter let me hold your hand

C7 G9 C7 F A_b^o

Oh, Ba - by, Sweet Ba - by, oh what are you do - ing to me?

Gm7 C7 F *g* C11 F A_b^o Gm7 C7

Gm7 C7 Dm G9 Dm >C7 A7 D9

G7+5 C9+5 F *g* C11 F 8 A_b^o Gm7 C7

This image shows a five-page musical score for piano, consisting of ten staves of music. The score is divided into five systems by vertical bar lines.

System 1: Starts with Gm7, followed by a sequence of chords: C7, C7-9, Dm, G9, >C7, F, Gm7, and C7+5. The bass staff provides harmonic support throughout.

System 2: Features a melodic line in the treble staff moving through F, Gb7, F7, Gb7, F7, Bb, and F7. The bass staff continues to provide harmonic support.

System 3: Shows a melodic line in the treble staff moving through Bb, Ab7, G7, Ab7, G7, and a concluding section starting with 8 and ending with C7. The bass staff supports these changes.

System 4: Continues the melodic line in the treble staff with chords: G7, C7, F, C11, F, Ab°, Gm7, C7, Gm7, and C7. The bass staff provides harmonic support.

System 5: Concludes with a final sequence of chords: Dm, G9, Db7, C7, F, Bb, G7-5, F, C7, and F. The bass staff concludes with a final chord.

COME AND GET IT

By
THOMAS "FATS" WALLER
and ED KIRKEBY

Bright tempo

F A♭^o Gm7 C7 F A♭^o Gm7 C7

You're always squawk-ing 'bout some lov-in', Rais-in' Cain 'bout tur-tle dovin',
mf got two eyes that's so ap-peal-in', Got two lips that set me reel-in',

F7 B♭ B♭m F F C7 F

Come on now, so therell be no shov-in', Come And Get It! You
Oth-er things that start that feel-in', Come And Get It! Now

F7 B♭ F7 B♭

if you're gon na love me And be my Tut-ti Frut-ti, —

G7 C7

Don't just tur-tle dove me, — I got ta get my-self some boot-y! — Now

F A_b^o Gm7 C7 F A_b^o Gm7 C7

if you want to get me fall-in', Come on, ba - by, Quit that stall-in',

F7 B_b B_bm F C7 F C7

It's the last time that I'm call-in', Come And Get It!

F A_b^o Gm7 C7 F A_b^o Gm7 C7

F F7 B_b B_bm F C7 F C7

F A_b^o Gm7 C7 F A_b^o Gm7 C7

F > F7 > B_b Bbm > F C7 F

F7 G_b7 F7 B_b F7 B_b D7

G_b7 D^o G_b7 C7 Gm7 C7 F^o C7

F A^o Gm7 C7 F A^o Gm7 C7

F F9 B_b F7 B_b Bbm F G^o Gm7 C7 F F^o

AT TWILIGHT

By

THOMAS "FATS" WALLER
and ANITA WALLER

Slowly

mf

At twi-light,
Your smil-ing
dear face
I love to
The sun can-

have you near,
not e - rase
To whis-per
That per-fect
in my ear of
fond em-brace At
love.
twi-light

When the sun starts sink - ing, I
keep think-ing and think-ing of
you.

When the stars be - gin to shine I'm pin-ing, just pin-ing for you.
At twi-light, dear,

When birds have stopped their song
I hope you'll come a - long At
twi - light.

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THAT'S ALL

By
THOMAS "FATS" WALLER
and ED KIRKEBY

Moderately

mf You know I can-not live with-out you,— I'm al-ways at your beck and call. Why
just can't pull my-self to-gether,— Just wait-ing, pray-ing that you'll call, Why

must you al-ways change like the weather, You need a lit-tle love, that's all. I
should-n't you be kind and gen-tle, We

need a lit-tle love, that's all. Hold me in your arms dear, tight-ly,

Press your lips to mine and then, That's when I am sure that heav-en

Wraps us in its charms a - gain. It seems so strange a need so sim-ple— Could

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G9 G7+9 C6 Cm6 G B_b

ev - er make our cas - tles fall. Why do we break and tear our

E7 Am7 D7 G B_b^o D7 G E_b9

hearts out! — We need a lit tle love, that's all.

D7sus4 D7 8 G9 G7+5 C6 Cm6 G B7

E7 8 Am7 D7

G G^o Am7 D7 G E_b9 Am7 D7 G9 G7+5

19

C6 Cm6 G B7 E7

Am7 D7 G C#m7-5 F#7 Bm7 C#7-5 F#7

Bm Bm7 C#7-5 F#7 D F° Em7 A7 D7 Am7

D7 G E9 Am7 D7 G9 G7+5 C6 Cm6

G B7 E7 Am7 D7 G C#o G9

20 •"FATS" WALLER'S ORIGINAL E-FLAT BLUES

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Blues tempo

Piano sheet music for the first line of the blues. The key signature is E-flat major (two flats). The melody starts on E-flat, moves to B-flat, and then to E-flat. The bass line consists of eighth-note chords.

Say, I love my ba - by, but she don't love me,—

Piano sheet music for the second line of the blues. The key signature changes to F major (one sharp). The melody starts on E-flat, moves to B-flat, and then to A-flat. The bass line consists of eighth-note chords.

Oh, I love my ba - by, but she don't love

Piano sheet music for the third line of the blues. The key signature changes to E-flat major (two flats). The melody starts on E-flat, moves to B-flat, and then to F-sharp major (one sharp). The bass line consists of eighth-note chords.

me, She gave me some squir-rel juice, She's

Fm7 E♭ Fm B♭7 E♭

got me run-ning up a tree, up a tree, up a tree.

E♭

E♭7 A♭7 B♭7

E♭ B♭7

B♭9+5 E♭6

A SAD SAPSUCKER AM I

By

THOMAS "FATS" WALLER
and ED KIRKEBY

Moderately

F6

Bm7-5

C13

C9

C7

mp lightly



F

C7

F

C7

F

C7

F

C7

Little
Lit-tle
bird-ie
bird-ieon a tree,—
on a tree,—I'm as
Ma-ma
sad as
caught me with asad can be,—
bum-bee,—

I

mf

F

C7

F

C7

F

C7

I

want my ma-ma, but gone is she,
On a limb for - bid-den to me.

A Sad Sap-suck-er Am

I. (Yes)

I.

F

A+

Bb6

F9

Bb

Bbm6

F

Yes I'm a sad, sad, sad sap-suck-er And I like that jive.—

Cm7

F7

Bb6

F9

Bb

Bbm6

(Yeah, man!)— But I can't, can't have no wo-man mess-in'

F Gm7 C7 F C7 F C7

F C7 F C7 F C7 F C7

F C7 F C7 F C7 F C7

F Bbm F C7 F C7 F C7

F C7 F C7 F C7

F B_bm F C₇ F C₇ F C₇
mf

F C₇ F7 F7+5 B_b6 F9 B_b6 B_bm
v v

F C₇ F7 C₇ F7 B_b6 F9 B_b B_bm
v v

F C₇₊₅ C₇ F C₇ F C₇ F C₇
mp

F C₉ F C₇₋₉ F6 > C₇ F C₇ F C₇
f

This image shows a five-page musical score for piano, page 24. The score consists of two staves: treble and bass. The music is in common time and includes various harmonic progressions indicated by Roman numerals and symbols like Bbm, C7, F7, and F9. Performance instructions such as 'mf', 'v v', 'mp', and 'f' are also present. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

RUMP STEAK SERENADE

By
THOMAS "FATS" WALLER
and ED KIRKEBY

Bright tempo

F Gm7 C7

mf

G9 C7+5 F G9 C7+5

Rump Steak is sure a send - er,
Rump Steak fine in the A. M.,
Rump Steak like ma - ma
Rump Steak like ma - ma

F 8 F7 B♭6 A7 Dm D7

made, made, Thick Good jui - ey, al - so nice in and ten - der, The P. M., The

1 G7 C7+5 F 2 G7 C7 F

Rump Steak Ser - e - nade. Rump Steak Ser - e - nade. Now

Gm C9 F C7 F E7

I can jump all o-ver the world, I can even join the na - vy. But the

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Am G7+5 C7

Rump Steak mel-o - dy lin - gers on, Let me stick my fork in the gra - vy.

G7 C7+5 F G9 C7+5 F F7 Bb6 A7

Rump Steak is sure a send-er, Rump Steak like ma - ma made, Thick, jui - cy,

Dm D7 G7 C7 F G7 C7+5 F

nice and ten-der, The Rump Steak Ser-e - nade.

G7 C7+5 F7 Bb6 A7 Dm D7 G7 C7+5

F G7 C7+5 F G7 C7+5

F⁷ B_b⁶ A⁷ D^m D⁷ G⁷ C⁷
 F F⁷ G^{m7} C⁷ F C⁷ F E⁷
 A^m A^{b+} C⁶ F^{#m7-5} F⁷ F^{#o} C⁷ G⁷ C⁷⁺⁵
 G⁷ C⁷⁺⁵ F⁷
 B_b⁶ A⁷ D^m D⁷ G⁷ C⁷ F F⁶

YOU MUST BE LOSIN' YOUR MIND

By

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Bright tempo

The sheet music consists of five staves of musical notation for voice and piano. The first staff starts with a Gm chord, followed by E♭7-5, Gm, Cm7, Gm, and D7. The second staff continues with Gm, D7+5, Gm, and D7. The third staff includes lyrics: "must be los-in' your mind, You must be los-in' your mind, You". The fourth staff includes lyrics: "took my mon-ey, it was a sin,— Then you drank up my rye and gin,— You're as stub-born as a mule,— Treat-in' me so might-y cool,—". The fifth staff includes lyrics: "Now you don't want to let me in,— You must be los-in' your mind. You Wo-man, you're a sad faced fool,". The sixth staff begins with a Gm chord.

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Gm D7 Gm A7-5 D7

Gm G7 Cm D7 Gm D7
ff mf You

Gm D7+5 Gm D7
must be los-in' your mind, You must be los-in' your mind, You

Gm Am7-5 D7 Gm A7-5 D7
two faced wo-man, You're car-ry- in' on, I'm blow-in' my top, Yeah, babes, I'm gone, I'm

Gm Gm7 Cm D7 Cm Gm D7 Gm
thru with love 'cause you did me wrong, You must be los-in' your mind.

LET'S SWING TO VICTORY

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Bright tempo

Sheet music for piano and voice. Key signature: E♭ major (two flats). Time signature: common time (indicated by '8'). Dynamics: *mf*. Chords: E♭, B♭, Fm7, B♭7, E♭. The lyrics are: "On the land, in the air, by the sea," followed by a repeat sign.

Sheet music for piano and voice. Key signature: E♭ major (two flats). Time signature: common time (indicated by '8'). Dynamics: *mf*. Chords: B♭7, E♭. The lyrics are: "sea, Let's swing out to vic-to-ry. O-ver here, o-ver there, an-y - where,"

Sheet music for piano and voice. Key signature: E♭ major (two flats). Time signature: common time (indicated by '8'). Dynamics: *mf*. Chords: B♭7, E♭, A♭, E♭7. The lyrics are: "We can take 'em one, two, three, With a riff and a break and a flare, Trum-pets blast - in'

Sheet music for piano and voice. Key signature: E♭ major (two flats). Time signature: common time (indicated by '8'). Dynamics: *mf*. Chords: A♭, B♭7, E♭, B♭7, E♭. The lyrics are: "thru the air. With a rap and a tap on the drum, Yeah man, sol-id, here we come."

Sheet music for piano and voice. Key signature: E♭ major (two flats). Time signature: common time (indicated by '8'). Dynamics: *mf*. Chords: A♭, E♭7, A♭, E♭, F7. The lyrics are: "If you're real-ly with me, Let's get in a tank. Let's get go-in', Bud-

B_b7 E_b B_b7
- dy, Show 'em you're a Yank! On the land, in the air, by the sea, Let's swing out to

E_b Gm7 C7 F7 B_b7
vic - to - ry. For you're home, for your life, you and me, Let's swing to vic - to -

E_b Fm E_b A_b6 E_b B_b7 E_b A_b A_bm6 E_b
ry. f

C7 F7 B_b7
mf

B_b7 E_b
mf

Gm C7 F7 B_b7 E_b Gm7-5 A_b6 B7 E_b B_b7 E_b

THE 'FATS' WALLER PIANO STYLE

In general, the style is a truly outstanding example of musical imagination and good taste. The improvisations are sometimes delicate, sometimes vigorous. There are passages in which the original melody can be clearly heard and others that are related to the original only in the similarity of the chord progression. All ideas are executed with the highest degree of precision, showing complete mastery of the keyboard.

THE LEFT HAND

This consists mostly of a swing bass with a tenth on the first beat, a chord on the second beat, a single bass note on the third beat and a chord on the fourth beat. The tenth is sometimes rolled, sometimes not.

Here is a typical example and a variant:

Musical notation for the left hand showing two examples of bass patterns. The first example shows a C major chord followed by a G7 chord, then a C major chord, then a D[#]7 chord followed by a G7 chord. The second example shows an F major chord followed by a G[#]7 chord, then a Gm7 chord, then a C7 chord.

Frequently there is a note added inside the tenth, especially at a moderate or slow tempo, in which case the three notes are almost invariably rolled.

Musical notation for the left hand showing a variant of the bass pattern. It starts with an F major chord, followed by a G[#]7 chord, then a Gm7 chord, then a C7 chord. The pattern then repeats with an F major chord, a C7 chord, a G[#]7 chord, and a F major chord.

Occasionally a left hand figure of this type is used:

Musical notation for the left hand showing a continuous eighth-note bass line. The key signature changes from F major to B^b major and back to F major. The bass line consists of eighth-note pairs.

THE RIGHT HAND

In cases where the original melody is prominent, the right hand is usually in octaves, frequently with one chord note in between; sometimes two.

RUMP STEAK SERENADE

Musical notation for the right hand of "Rump Steak Serenade". It shows chords G7, C7+5, F, G7, C7+5, and F7, followed by an "etc." sign.

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In medium and up tempo improvisations having little reference to the original melody, we often find a crisply played single note line mixed with some three-note and four-note chords.

DON'T GIVE ME THAT JIVE (Come On With The Come On)

Musical notation for the right hand of "Don't Give Me That Jive". It shows chords Gm7, C7, B⁷, Gm, C7, F, and Fm6, followed by an "etc." sign.

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Thirds figure prominently in many of the improvised passages.

COME AND GET IT

A musical score for 'COME AND GET IT' featuring a treble clef staff. The score includes several chords labeled above the staff: F, F7, B♭, B♭m, F, C7, and F. There are also markings like '>' and 'etc.' indicating a repeating pattern or continuation. The staff consists of five horizontal lines and four spaces.

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Occasionally a passage makes extensive use of perfect fourths.

COME AND GET IT

A musical score for 'COME AND GET IT' featuring a treble clef staff. The score includes chords labeled above the staff: B♭, F7, B♭, D7, G7, Em7, D♯⁹, and G7. There are also markings like '>' and 'etc.' indicating a repeating pattern or continuation. The staff consists of five horizontal lines and four spaces.

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Frequently there will be found the repetitious use of a short figure, sometimes involving grace notes.
Two examples follow.

A musical score featuring a treble clef staff. It shows a repetitive figure consisting of a series of eighth-note pairs followed by a sixteenth-note grace note. This pattern repeats across the staff.

Tremolo is occasionally found in the medium and up tempo tunes, but used a good deal in the slower tunes.

BESSIE, BESSIE, BESSIE

A musical score for 'BESSIE, BESSIE, BESSIE' featuring a treble clef staff. The score includes chords labeled above the staff: G♯⁹, C7, C11, C7, and F. There are also markings like '3' and 'etc.' indicating a repeating pattern or continuation. The staff consists of five horizontal lines and four spaces.

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Notice that where the effect is intended to be delicate (see the last eight measures of UP JUMPED YOU WITH LOVE) much of the right hand work is in the very high register.

Some of the moderate and slow tunes have some extremely effective florid passages worth special attention. One of these is (We Need A Little Love) THAT'S ALL.