

**LADY IN JAZZ VOL. 1**

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**01. DINAH WASHINGTON**  
**T'Ain't nobody's biz-ness if I do**

No it ain't nobody's business,  
nobody's business what I do

Lord, Lord, Lord.  
Mmm, Lord, Lord, Lord,  
well it ain't nobody's business what I do.

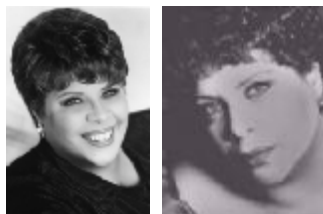
For instance, If I should take a notion  
To run and jump to the bottom of the ocean,  
well it ain't nobody's business if I do.

Rather than prosecute me,  
baby I choose that you will pull out your pistol and shoot me  
but it ain't nobody's business if you do.

If I wanna go to church all day Sunday,  
sit home and talk about all my friends on Monday,  
Lord, it ain't nobody's business if I do.

If he and I fuss and fight all night  
then tomorrow we wake up and we're all right.  
But it ain't nobody's business if we do.

If I left my companion  
run out behind me and push me in a canyon  
well it ain't nobody's business if he does.

**02. PATTI AUSTIN**  
**You'll have to swing it Mr Paganini**

The concert was over in Carnegie Hall  
The maestro took bow after bow  
He said, "My dear friends I have given my all.  
I'm sorry, it's all over now."  
When from the balcony way up high  
there suddenly came a mournful cry

Oh, Mr. Paganini, please play my rhapsody  
and if you cannot play it won't you sing it?  
and if you can't sing it you simply have to  
<Scat>

Listen Paganini, we breathlessly await  
your masterful dtente, come on and sling it  
And if you can't sling it you simply have to  
<Scat>

We heard your repertoire,  
and at the final bar  
we greeted you with wild applause.  
But what a great ovation  
for your interpretation of:  
'I never cared much for moonlight skies

I never blinked back at fireflies'  
would do.

So Paganini, don't you be a meanie  
What have you up your sleeve?  
Come on and spring it  
And if you can't spring it, you simply have to  
<Scat>

Listen Paganini, please play my rhapsody.  
And if you cannot play it, wont you sing it?  
If the boys are bopping, aint no need in stopping  
<Scat>

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We breathlessly await your masterful dtente  
Come on and spring it  
If the boys are bopping, aint no need in stopping  
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But what a great ovation for  
Your interpretation of  
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Listen Paganini  
Now, don't you be a meanie  
What have you up your sleeve?  
Come on and spring it  
And if you can't spring it, you simply have to  
Swing it

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### 03. STACEY KENT

#### You're the top



At words poetic, I'm so pathetic  
That I always have found it best,  
instead of getting 'em off my chest,  
To let 'em rest unexpressed,  
I hate parading my serenading  
As I'll probably miss a bar,  
But if this ditty is not so pretty  
At least it'll tell you  
How great you are.

You're the top!  
You're the Coliseum.  
You're the top!  
You're the Louvre Museum.  
You're a melody from a symphony by Strauss  
You're a Bendel bonnet,  
A Shakespeare's sonnet,

You're Mickey Mouse.  
You're the Nile,  
You're the Tower of Pisa,  
You're the smile on the Mona Lisa  
I'm a worthless check, a total wreck, a flop,  
But if, baby, I'm the bottom you're the top!

You're the top!  
You're a Waldorf salad.  
You're the top!  
You're a Berlin ballad.  
You're the nimble tread  
Of the feet of Fred Astaire,  
You're the National Gallery  
You're Garbo's salary,

You're camembert.

You're sublime,  
You're turkey dinner,  
You're the time of a Derby winner  
I'm a toy balloon that's fated soon to pop  
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,  
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,  
You're the top!

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### 04. BILLIE HOLIDAY

#### Stormy Weather



Don't know why  
there's no sun up in the sky  
Stormy weather  
Since my man and I ain't together,  
Keeps rainin' all the time

Life is bare, gloom and misery everywhere  
Stormy weather  
Just can't get my poorself together,  
I'm weary all the time  
So weary all the time

When he went away  
the blues walked in and met me.  
If he stays away  
old rockin' chair will get me.

All I do is pray the lord above will let me  
walk in the sun once more.  
Can't go on,  
every thing I had is gone  
Stormy weather

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Keeps rainin' all the time  
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When he went away  
the blues walked in and met me.  
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## 05. SARAH VAUGHAN

### Let's Call The Whole Thing Off



Things have come to a pretty pass,  
Our romance is growing flat,  
For you like this and the other  
While I go for this and that.  
Goodness knows what the end will be;  
Oh, I don't know where I'm at...  
It looks as if we two will never be one,  
Something must be done.

You say *either* and I say *either*,  
You say *neither* and I say *neither*;  
*Either, either, neither, neither*,  
Let's call the whole thing off!

You like *potato* and I like *potato*,  
You like *tomato* and I like *tomato*;  
*Potato, potato, tomato, tomato!*  
Let's call the whole thing off!

But oh! If we call the whole thing off,  
Then we must part.  
And oh! If we ever part,  
Then that might break my heart!

So, if you like *pajamas* and I like *pajamas*,  
I'll wear *pajamas* and give up *pajamas*.  
For we know we need each other,  
So we better call the calling off off.  
Let's call the whole thing off!

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## 06. DIANA KRALL

### Let's Fall In Love



I have a feeling, it's a feeling,  
I'm concealing, I don't know why  
It's just a mental, sentimental alibi

But I adore you  
So strong for you  
Why go on stalling  
I am falling  
Our love is calling  
Why be shy?

Let's fall in love  
Why shouldn't we fall in love?  
Our hearts are made of it  
Let's take a chance  
Why be afraid of it

Let's close our eyes and make our own paradise  
Little we know of it, still we can try  
To make a go of it

We might have an end for each other  
To be or not to be  
Let our hearts discover

Let's fall in love  
Why shouldn't we fall in love  
Now is the time for it,  
while we are young  
Let's fall in love

We might have an end for each other  
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Let our hearts discover

Let's fall in love  
Why shouldn't we fall in love?  
Now is the time for it,  
while we are young  
Let's fall in love [4x]

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## 07. ELLA FITZGERALD

### Just one of those things



As Dorothy Parker once said  
To her boyfriend, "*fare thee well!*"  
As Columbus announced

When he knew he was bounced,  
*"It was swell, Isabel, swell"*

As Abelard said to Eloise,  
*"Don't forget to drop a line to me, please"*  
 As Juliet cried, in her Romeo's ear,  
*"Romeo, why not face the fact, my dear"*

It was just one of those things  
 Just one of those crazy flings  
 One of those bells that now and then rings  
 Just one of those things

It was just one of those nights  
 Just one of those fabulous flights  
 A trip to the moon on gossamer wings  
 Just one of those things

If we'd thought a bit, of the end of it  
 When we started painting the town  
 We'd have been aware that our love affair  
 Was too hot, not to cool down

So good-bye, dear, and amen  
 Here's hoping we meet now and then  
 It was great fun  
 But it was just one of those things

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## 08. JANE MONHEIT

### Hit The Road To Dreamland



Bye bye baby  
 Time to hit the road to dreamland  
 You're mine baby  
 Dig you in the land of nod

Hold tight baby  
 We'll be swinging up in dreamland  
 All night baby  
 Where the little cherubs trot

Look at that knocked out moon

You been a-blowing his top in the blue  
 Never saw the likes of you  
 What an angel

Bye bye baby  
 Time to hit the road to dreamland  
 Don't cry baby  
 It was divine but the rooster has finally crowed  
 Time to hit the road

Look at that knocked out moon  
 He been a-blowing his top in the blue  
 Never saw the likes of you  
 What an angel

Bye bye baby  
 Time to hit the road to dreamland  
 Don't cry baby  
 Well it was divine but the rooster has finally crowed  
 Time to hit the road  
 Time to hit the road  
 Time to hit the road

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## 09. PEGGY LEE

### They Can't Take That Away From Me



The way you wear your hat  
 The way you sip your tea  
 The memory of all that  
 No, no, they can't take that away from me.

The way your smile just beams  
 The way you sing off-key  
 The way you haunt my dreams  
 No, no, they can't take that away from me.

We may never, never meet again  
 On that bumpy road to love  
 Still I'll always, always keep the memory of:

The way you hold your knife  
 The way we danced until three  
 The way you've changed my life  
 No, no, they can't take that away from me.  
 No, they can't take that away from me.

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 On that bumpy road to love  
 Still I'll always, always keep the memory of:

The way you hold your knife  
 The way we danced until three  
 The way you've changed my life  
 No, no, they can't take that away from me.

No, they can't take that away  
 they can't take that away

they can't take that away from me.

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## 10. STACEY KENT

**Shall We Dance** (Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein)



Shall we dance?  
On a bright cloud of music  
Shall we fly?  
Shall we dance?  
Shall we then say goodnight and mean goodbye?

Or perchance when the last little star has left the sky  
Shall we still be together with our arms around each other  
And shall you be my new romance?

With the clear understanding  
That this kind of thing can happen  
Shall we dance?  
Shall we dance?  
Shall we dance?

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## 11. CARMEN MCRAE

**Love Is Here to Stay**



It's very clear  
Our love is here to stay  
Not for a year  
But ever and a day  
The radio  
And the telephone  
And the movies that we know  
May just be passing fancies  
And in time may go

But oh my dear  
Our love is here to stay  
Together we're  
Going a long, long way

In time the rockies may crumble  
Gibraltar may tumble

They're only made of clay but  
Our love is here to stay

And it's so very clear  
Our love is here to stay  
Not just for a year  
But ever and a day  
The radio  
And the telephone  
And the movies that we know  
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Our love is here to stay

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## 12. DINAH WASHINGTON

**Ain't misbehavin'**



No one to talk with  
All by myself  
No one to walk with  
But I'm happy on the shelf  
Ain't misbehavin'  
I'm savin' my love for you

I know for certain  
The one I love  
I'm through with flirtin'  
It's just you I'm thinkin' of  
Ain't misbehavin'  
I'm savin' my love for you

Like Jack Horner  
In the corner  
Don't go nowhere  
What do I care?  
Your kisses are worth my waitin' for  
Believe me

I don't stay out late  
Don't care to go  
I'm home about eight  
Just me and my radio  
Ain't misbehavin'  
Just savin' my love for you

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### 13. BILLIE HOLIDAY

**Cheek to cheek** (*Irving Berlin*)



Heaven, I'm in heaven  
 And my heart beats so that I can hardly speak  
 And I seem to find the happiness I seek  
 When we're out together dancing cheek to cheek

Heaven, I'm in heaven  
 And the cares that hung around me through the week  
 Seem to vanish like a gambler's lucky streak  
 When we're out together dancing cheek to cheek

Oh I love to climb a mountain  
 And to reach the highest peak  
 But it doesn't thrill me half as much  
 As dancing cheek to cheek  
 Oh I love to go out fishing  
 In a river or a creek  
 But I don't enjoy it half as much  
 As dancing cheek to cheek

Dance with me, I want my arms about you  
 The charm about you  
 Will carry me through  
 To heaven, I'm in heaven  
 And my heart beats so that I can hardly speak  
 And I seem to find the happiness I seek  
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 And I seem to find the happiness I seek  
 When we're out together dancing cheek to cheek

### 14. CARMEN MCRAE

**Dream Of Life**



My life was empty when you went away  
 Even the blue skies above had turned gray  
 but now that you've come back  
 My dream of life is here to stay  
 Those little quarrels that tore us apart  
 Oh, gee, I can see  
 They were wrong from the start  
 But now that you've come back  
 My dream of life is here to stay

I can't sing to see just what you see in me  
 I guess love is really blind  
 This world seems so brand  
 Now that you understand  
 It's you I adore  
 It's you I live for  
 Life is so blind now that you're here with me  
 Please keep it in --  
 And don't escape from me  
 But now that you've come back  
 My dream of life is here to stay

### 15. STACEY KENT

**Comes Love**

(*Lew Brown /Sammy Stept /Charles Tobias*)



Comes a rainstorm, put your rubbers on your feet  
 Comes a snowstorm, you can get a little heat  
 Comes love, nothing can be done.

Comes a fire, then you know just what to do  
 Blow a tire, you can buy another shoe

Comes love, nothing can be done

Don't try hiding, cause there isn't any use  
You'll start sliding, when your heart turns on the juice

Comes a headache, you can lose it in a day  
Comes a toothache, see your dentist right away  
Comes love, nothing can be done

Comes a heatwave, you can run into the shore  
Comes a summons, you can hide behind the door  
Comes love, nothing can be done

Comes the measles, you can quarantine a room  
Comes a mousey, you can chase it with a broom  
Comes love, nothing can be done

That's all, brother, if you ever been in love  
That's all, brother, you know just what I'm speaking of  
Comes a nightmare, you can always stay awake  
Comes depression, you may get another break  
Comes love, nothing can be done

That's all, brother, if you ever been in love  
That's all, brother, you know just what I'm thinkin' of  
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Nothing can be done  
Nothing can be done

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## 16. SARAH VAUGHAN

### Misty



Look at me,  
I'm as helpless as a kitten up a tree  
And I feel like I'm clingin' to a cloud,  
I can't understand  
I get misty, just holding your hand.

Walk my way,  
And a thousand violins begin to play,  
Or it might be the sound of your hello,  
That music I hear,  
I get misty, the moment you're near.

You can't see that you're leading me on?  
And it's just what I love you to do,  
Don't you notice how hopelessly I'm lost  
That's why I'm following you.

On my own,  
When I wander through this wonderland alone,

Never knowing my right foot from my left  
My hat from my glove  
I'm too misty, and too much in love.

I'm just too misty,  
And too much in love.

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## 17. LENA HORNE

### Night And Day (Cole Porter)



Like the beat beat beat of the tom-tom  
When the jungle shadows fall

Like the tick tick tock of the stately clock  
As it stands against the wall

Like the drip drip drip of the raindrops  
When the summer shower is through  
So a voice within me keeps repeating you, you, you

Night and day, you are the one  
Only you beneath the moon or under the sun  
Whether near to me, or far  
It's no matter darling where you are  
I think of you night and day.

Day and night, night and day, why is it so  
That this longing for you follows wherever I go  
In the roaring traffic's boom  
In the silence of my lonely room  
I think of you night and day.

Day and night, night and day  
Under the hide of me  
There's an oh such a hungry yearning burning inside of me  
And this torment won't be through  
Until you let me spend my life making love to you  
Day and night, night and day

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There's an oh such a hungry yearning burning inside of me  
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Day and night, night and day  
Day and night,

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## 18. ELLA FITZGERALD

### Fine and Mellow



My man don't love me  
Treats me oh so mean

My man he don't love me  
Treats me awfully  
He's the lowest man  
That I've ever seen

He wears high trimmed pan  
Stripes are really yellow  
He wears high trimmed pan  
Stripes are really yellow

But when he starts in to love me  
He's so fine and mellow

Love will make you drink and gamble  
Make you stay out all night long

Love will make you drink and gamble  
Make you stay out all night long

Love will make you do things  
That you know is wrong

But if you treat me right baby  
I'll stay home everyday  
But if you treat me right baby  
I'll stay home everyday

But you're so mean to me baby  
I know you're gonna drive me away

Love is just like the faucet  
It turns off and on  
Love is like the faucet  
It turns off and on

Sometimes when you think it's on baby  
It has turned off and gone

Love is just like the faucet  
It turns off and on  
I say love is like the faucet  
It turns off and on

Sometimes when you think it's on baby  
It has turned off and gone

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## 19. MAISHA GRANT

### Help Me Through The Day

Help me through the day,  
Help me through the night  
I'm your sweet loving  
makes everything all right

Help me through tomorrow  
When stormy clouds comes  
Lord make me realize  
That I'm your woman

I can see so much pain  
Deep inside your eyes  
I know someone has hurt you  
Some other woman make you cry

Lord baby don't confused me  
Try to understand me  
Lord make me realize  
That I'm your woman

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Some other woman make you cry

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Try to understand me  
Lord, make me realize  
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## 20. SHIRLEY HORN

### Makin' Whoopie



Another bride  
Another June  
Another sunny honey moon  
another season, another reason  
for makin' whoopie

Alot of shoes, alot of rice  
the groom is nervous. he answers twice  
its really killin that he's so willin'  
to make whoopee



Picture a little love nest  
down where the roses cling  
picture the same sweet love nest  
Think what a year can bring

He's washing dishes and baby clothes  
He's so ambitious he even sows  
but don't forget folks that's what you get folks  
for makin' whoopee

Another year or maybe less  
what's this I hear? Well you can't confess  
She feels neglected and he's suspected  
of makin' whoopee

She sits alone most every night  
He doesn't phone her he doesn't write  
he says he's busy but she say's "is he?"  
He's makin' whoopee

He doesn't make much money  
only five thousand per  
some judge who thinks he's funny  
says you'll pay six to her

he says now judge suppose i fail  
he says son right into jail  
you better keep her i think it's cheaper  
then makin' whoopee

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## 21. ETTA JAMES

### I'd Rather Go Blind



Something told me it was over  
when I saw you and her talking,  
Something deep down in my soul said *Cry Girl*,  
when I saw you and that girl, walking out.  
I would rather, I would rather go blind boy,  
Than to see you, walk away from me child, and all.  
Oooo So you see, I love you so much  
That I don't want to watch you leave me baby,

Most of all, I just don't, I just don't want to be free no

Oooo I was just, I was just, I was just sitting here thinking  
Of your kisses and your warm embrace, yeah,  
When the reflection in the glass  
That I held to my lips now baby  
Revealed the tears that was on my face, yeah.

Oooo And baby, baby, I would rather be blind boy  
Than to see you walk away,  
see you walk away from me, yeah  
Oooo Baby, baby, baby, I'd rather be blind now

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## 22. SARAH VAUGHAN

### My Funny Valentine



My funny Valentine  
Sweet comic Valentine  
You make me smile with my heart

Your looks are laughable  
Unphotographable  
Yet you're my favourite work of art

Is your figure less than Greek  
Is your mouth a little weak  
When you open it to speak  
Are you smart?

But don't change a hair for me  
Not if you care for me  
Stay little Valentine stay  
Each day is Valentine's day  
Stay Valentine  
Each day is Valentine  
My Valentine  
Each day is Valentine's day

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## 23. BILLIE HOLIDAY

### Baby Get Lost (Leonard Feather)



Well good morning baby  
welcome back to town  
How'd, fine papa,

welcome back to town

You're doing so much travelling  
never know when you'll be around  
You're a fine and mellow fellow  
But you're stubborn as a mule  
You love me like an angel  
But you treat me like a fool

Two-faced daddy don't hand me no doublecross  
You'll see any time I'm ready  
I can tell you baby get lost

You're cheating on the outside  
Doing anything you choose  
You better come back on the inside  
'Cause you got too much to lose

Don't want no trouble I've got to be the boss  
And if you can't play it my way  
Well now baby get lost

I try to stop your cheating  
But I just don't have the time  
'Cause I got so many men that  
They're standing right in line

Keep cool papa, you got to come across  
'Cause any time I'm ready,  
Yes any time I'm ready  
You know when I'm ready  
I can tell you baby get lost  
Why don't you get lost

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#### 24. ETTA JONES & RAY BROWN TRIO

##### Poor Butterfly



Poor butterfly, needs the blossoms waiting.  
Poor butterfly, she loved him so.

The minutes turn into hours, the hours turn into years.  
And then she sighs through her tears, she murmurs low.  
The moon and I know that he be faithful.  
I know he come back to me by and by.

But if he just don't come back,  
I never sigh or cry.  
I just must die,  
Poor butterfly!

Oh Poor butterfly, needs the blossoms waiting.  
Poor butterfly, she loved him so

The minutes turn into hours, the hours turn into years.  
And then she sighs through her tears, she murmurs low.

The moon and I know that he be faithful.  
I know he come back to me by and by.

But if he don't come back,  
I never sigh or cry.  
I just must die,  
Poor butterfly!

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#### 25. DIANA KRALL

##### Devil May Care



No cares for me  
I'm happy as I can be  
I learn to love and to live  
Devil may care

No cares and woes  
Whatever comes later goes  
That's how I'll take and I'll give  
Devil may care

When the day is through, I suffer no regrets  
I know that he who frets, loses the night  
For only a fool, thinks he can hold back the dawn  
He was wise to never tries to revise what's past and gone

Live love today, love come tomorrow or May  
Don't even stop for a sigh, it doesn't help if you cry  
That's how I live and I'll die  
Devil may care

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#### 26. LENA HORNE

##### A Fine Romance



A fine romance, with no kisses  
A fine romance, my friend this is  
We should be like a couple of hot tomatoes  
But you're as cold as yesterday's mashed potatoes

It's a fine romance, you won't nestle  
It's a fine romance, you won't wrestle

I might as well play bridge

With my old maid aunts  
I haven't had a chance  
This is a fine romance

It's a fine romance, my good looking lovely fellow  
Well you go ahead and take romance,  
I'm gonna take some jello  
You're calmer than the seals  
In the Arctic Ocean  
At least they flap their wings  
To express emotion

I'm talking about a fine romance  
with no -- or quarrels  
It's a fine romance  
with no insults -- and morals  
I've never mussed the crease  
In your blue serge pants  
I never get the chance  
This is a fine romance

It's a fine romance  
It ain't got no kisses  
It's a fine romance  
My good friend this is

We two should be like clams in a dish of chowder  
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This is a fine romance, with no clinches  
It's a fine romance, with no good pinches  
You're just as hard to land as the Ile de France!  
I haven't got a chance, this is a fine...  
Let me tell you something:  
This affair is absolutely ridiculous!

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## 27. ELLA FITZGERALD

### Mack the Knife

(Marc Blitzstein/Bertolt Brecht/Kurt Weill)

*[If listening to this song you wonder about the astonishing lyrics, I can tell you that Ella simply forgot the words! in front of the audience (live in Berlin 1960), and she made one of the best improvisations ever in jazz history She received the Grammy award for this concert. You can read the original Mack the Knife lyrics at the bottom.]*



{Spoken}

Thank you. We'd like to do something for you now. We haven't heard a girl sing it. And since it's so popular, we'd like to try and do it for you. We hope we remember all the words.

Oh, the shark has pearly teeth, dear

And he shows them, pearly white  
Just a jack knife has Macheath, dear  
And he keeps it out of sight

Oh, the shark bites with his teeth, dear  
Scarlet billows start to spread  
Fancy gloves though, wears Macheath dear  
So there's not, not a trace of red

On a Sunday, Sunday morning  
Lies a body, oozin' life  
Someone's sneaking 'round the corner  
Tell me could it be, could it be, could it be  
Mack the Knife?

Oh, what's the next chorus?  
To this song, now  
This is the one, now  
I don't know  
But it was a swinging tune  
And its a hit tune  
So we tried to do Mack The Knife

Ah, Louis Miller  
Oh, something about cash  
Yeah, Miller, he was spending that trash  
And Macheath dear, he spends like a sailor  
Tell me, tell me, tell me  
Could that boy do, something rash

Oh Bobby Darin, and Louis Armstrong  
They made a record, oh but they did  
And now Ella, Ella, and her fellas  
We're making a wreck, what a wreck  
Of Mack The Knife

*{Louis Armstrong imitation}*

Oh Snookie Taudry, bah bah nop do bo de do  
bah bah bah nop do bo de do  
Just a jack knife has Macheath, dear  
And do bo bo bah bah bah nop do bo de do {}

So, you've heard it  
Yes, we've swung it  
And we tried to  
Yes, we sung it

You won't recognize it  
It's a surprise hit  
This tune, called Mack The Knife

And so we leave you, in Berlin town  
Yes, we've swung old Mack  
We've swung old Mack in town  
For the Darin fans,  
And for the Louis Armstrong fans, too  
We told you look out, look out, look out  
Old Macheath's back in town

*Now have a look at the original 'Mack the Knife' lyrics, as sung by Bobby Darin or Louis Armstrong:*

Oh, the shark, babe, has such teeth, dear  
And it shows them pearly white  
Just a jackknife has old MacHeath, babe  
And he keeps it, ah, out of sight  
Ya know when that shark bites with his teeth, babe  
Scarlet billows start to spread

Fancy gloves, oh, wears old MacHeath, babe  
So there's never, never a trace of red

Now on the sidewalk, huh, huh, whoo sunny morning, un huh  
Lies a body just oozin' life, eek  
And someone's sneakin' 'round the corner  
Could that someone be Mack the Knife?

There's a tugboat, huh, huh, down by the river dontcha know  
Where a cement bag's just a'drooppin' on down  
Oh, that cement is just, it's there for the weight, dear  
Five'll get ya ten old Macky's back in town

Now d'ja hear 'bout Louie Miller? He disappeared, babe  
After drawin' out all his hard-earned cash  
And now MacHeath spends just like a sailor  
Could it be our boy's done somethin' rash?

Now Jenny Diver, ho, ho, yeah, Sukey Tawdry  
Ooh, Miss Lotte Lenya and old Lucy Brown  
Oh, the line forms on the right, babe  
Now that Macky's back in town

I said Jenny Diver, whoa, Sukey Tawdry  
Look out to Miss Lotte Lenya and old Lucy Brown  
Yes, that line forms on the right, babe  
Now that Macky's back in town  
Look out, old Macky's back!!



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