

WON'T YOU PLAY A SIMPLE MELODY



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Simple Melody

Ernesta, Algy and Chorus

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Moderato

PIANO

mf

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melodic line in G major with a tempo marking of 'Moderato'. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment. The music is marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

ERNESTA

The diff-'rent lays of now-a - days All set my brain a - whirl. They're
In days of yore, be - fore the war, When hearts now old were young. At

p

The vocal line for Ernesta begins with the lyrics. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment is marked piano (*p*).

not the kind of songs they sang When moth - er was a girl, Your
home each night by fire - - light Those dear old songs were sung - Sweet

The piano accompaniment continues with the first line of Ernesta's lyrics. It features a steady harmonic accompaniment in G major.

spoon - y rags and coon - y drags All made my poor heart ache, Bring
mel - o - dies their mem - o - ries A - round my heart still cling, That's

The piano accompaniment continues with the second line of Ernesta's lyrics. The melody in the right hand is more active, reflecting the lyrics.

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back the rhymes of old - en times And just for old times sake.
 why I long to hear a song Like moth - er used to sing.

Rag Version

Mu - si - cal De - mon, set your hon - ey a dream - in, won't you play me some rag,
 Won't you play a simp - le mel - - o -

Just change that class - ie - al nag To some sweet beau - ti - ful drag If you will
 dy — Like my moth - er sang to me —

play from a cop - y of a tune that is chop - py, You'll get all my ap - plause

One with good old fash - ioned har - - mo -

And that is simp - ly be - cause, I want to lis - ten to

ny _____ Play a simp - le mel - o -

1. Rag. Oh you Rag. _____

dy. dy. _____