

# THE MATRIMONY RAG

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Moderato.

The piano introduction consists of two staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The right hand features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes and quarter notes, while the left hand plays a steady bass line with chords. The tempo is marked 'Moderato'.

*Till ready*

From Cal - i - for - nia to the  
You hear her say "now, dear, af -

The first vocal line begins with a rest for two measures, then enters with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line. The tempo remains 'Moderato'.

coast of Maine, They talk of rag - time driv - ing  
ter we're wed, - I'll do the house - work!" But you

The second vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line with some grace notes. The tempo remains 'Moderato'.

folks in - sane, But there is just one tune that gets your brain So  
find in - stead You have to bring her break-fast up to bed, And

The third vocal line concludes the piece. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. The tempo remains 'Moderato'.

mud-dled that you go up - on a six months' jag. If you are  
 then you have to wash the dish - es or she'll nag. Then when her

sin - gle you may hear it soon, It's just a sim - pli - fied old  
 moth - er comes to get your goat, You get so mad you want to

fash - ioned tune. That starts you off up - on your  
 cut the throat. Of Mis - ter Men - del - sohn, the

hon - ey - moon, The Mat - ri - mon - y Rag  
 man who wrote The Mat - ri - mon - y Rag

CHORUS.

It makes you tell your wife You'll be a "boob" for life, And that you'll

hand her all your pay. Then she buys silk - en hose, And lots of

fan - cy clothes To make a big grand-stand dis - play. And while she

looks so cute, You have to wear a suit That

hangs up - on you like a bag. ————— Then if you

say you want to be the boss, She gets an ab - so - lute di - vorce, And

you, just like a pho - ny, Pay her al - i - mon - y,

That's the Mat-ri-mon-y Rag. ————— It makes you Rag. —————

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*D.S.*