

I'D RATHER BE A LEMON THAN A GRAPEFRUIT

COMIC SONG

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I'd Rather Be a Lemon Than a Grape Fruit

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Moderato

mf

As I go drift - ing with this world - ly tide _____ A

p

cer - tain thought has just oc - curred to me _____ No -

bod - y seems to be quite sat - is - fied _____ With

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in G major, 2/4 time, marked 'Moderato' and 'mf'. The piano part features a rhythmic melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The vocal line enters in the second system with the lyrics 'As I go drift - ing with this world - ly tide'. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady accompaniment. The second system of the vocal line continues with 'cer - tain thought has just oc - curred to me'. The piano part provides harmonic support. The third system of the vocal line concludes with 'bod - y seems to be quite sat - is - fied'. The piano part continues with the same accompaniment. The score ends with a final chord in the piano part.

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what his lit - tle lot in life may be _____ A Duke or Prince would rath - er be a

King, _____ A tramp would rath - er be a mil - lion - aire _____ But

I am not for such a loft - y thing, _____ Al -

though I have one sol - emn earn - est prayer. _____

CHORUS

1. I'd rath - er be a lem - on than a grape - fruit, I'd
 2. I'd rath - er be a pea - nut than a roas - ter, I'd
 3. I'd rath - er be up here be - hind the foot - lights, Than

rath - er be an oys - ter than a clam I'd
 rath - er be a ham - mer than a knock, I
 be a bald head in the sec - ond row I'd

rath - er be the fence a - round a race - course, Than
 hate to get up earl - y in the morn - ing, To
 rath - er have my name up - on a three sheet, Than

be the horse they call an "al - so ran" I'd
 tell the truth I'd rath - er be the clock, I'd
 be the man who has to back the show I'd

rath - er be a raz - or than a bar - ber, I'd
 rath - er be a bak - er than a loaf - er, I'd
 rath - er have a nice cool glass of Pils - ner Than

rath - er be an ao - tor than a ham I'd
 rath - er be a pil - low than a sham I'd
 all the wat - er 'round Man - hat - tan Isle I'd

rath - er be a lem - on than a grape fruit, To
 rath - er be most an - y - thing than craz - y And
 rath - er be a brew - 'ry than a light - house, Ex -

tell the truth I don't know which I am. _____
 peo - ple of - ten tell me that I am. _____
 cuse me while I go and have a smile. _____

Repeat Chorus