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Who Are You With To-Night?

Words by **HARRY WILLIAMS** Music by **ROBERT VAN ALSTYNE**
CHORUS

1-2 Who are you with to - night, to - night? Who are you with to - night?

Who is the dream - y peach and cream - y vi - sion of sweet de - light?

Is it your lit - tle sis - ter, Mis - ter? Answer me hon - or bright, Will you

tell your wife in the morn - ing who you were with to - night? night?
 tell the judge in the morn - ing who you were with to - night? night?

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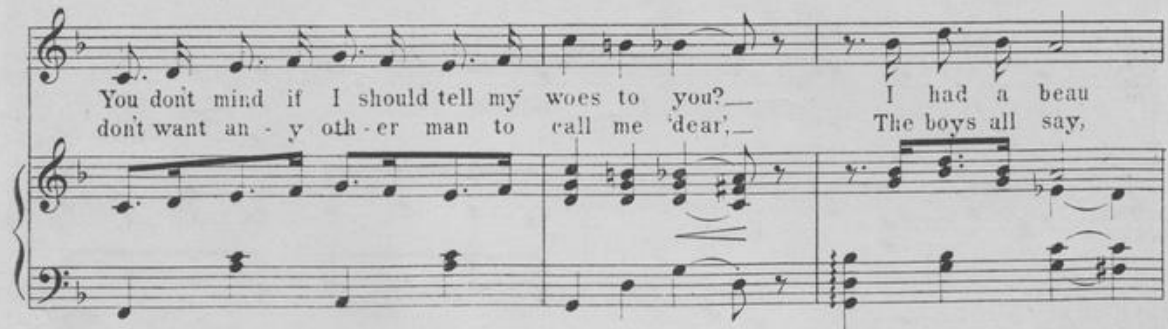
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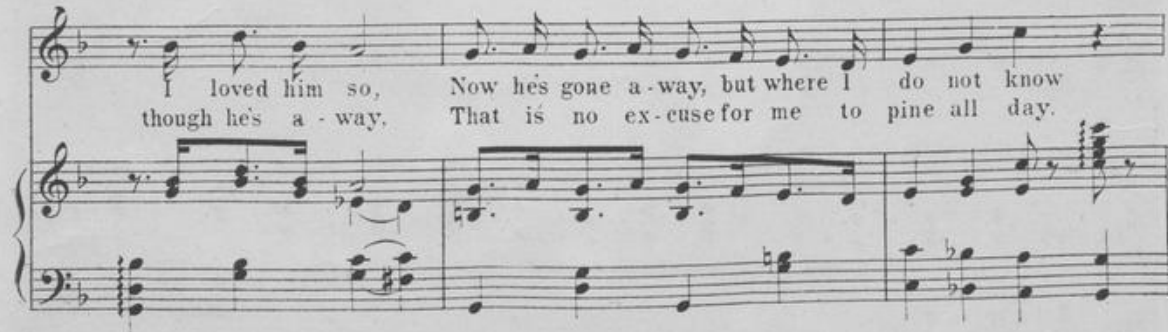
Piano introduction in G minor, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and chords, while the left hand provides a steady bass accompaniment with chords and single notes. Dynamics include *f* (forte).



Vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics: "I'm feel-ing blue, dis-cour-aged, too, I great-ly fear, I'm rath-er queer, I". The piano accompaniment includes the instruction *mf quasi Harp* and *p* (piano).



Vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with: "You dont mind if I should tell my woes to you?— I had a beau dont want an-y oth-er man to call me 'dear';— The boys all say,".



Vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line concludes with: "I loved him so, Now he's gone a-way, but where I do not know though he's a-way, That is no ex-cuse for me to pine all day."

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All day I sigh and al-most cry, Though there are a lot of fel-lows
They say he's met an-oth-er pet, And if I will try that I can

right near by:— Some de-clare they love me and
soon for-get:— I tell them I'm con-tent-ed and

ask me for my hand, When I try to tell them, they don't
do not care to try, Then if they per-sist I simp-ly

un-der-stand, So I say to them in sweet-est tones.—
tell them why I shall be an old maid when I die.—

Refrain

I would rath - er love what I can - not have than have what I can - not

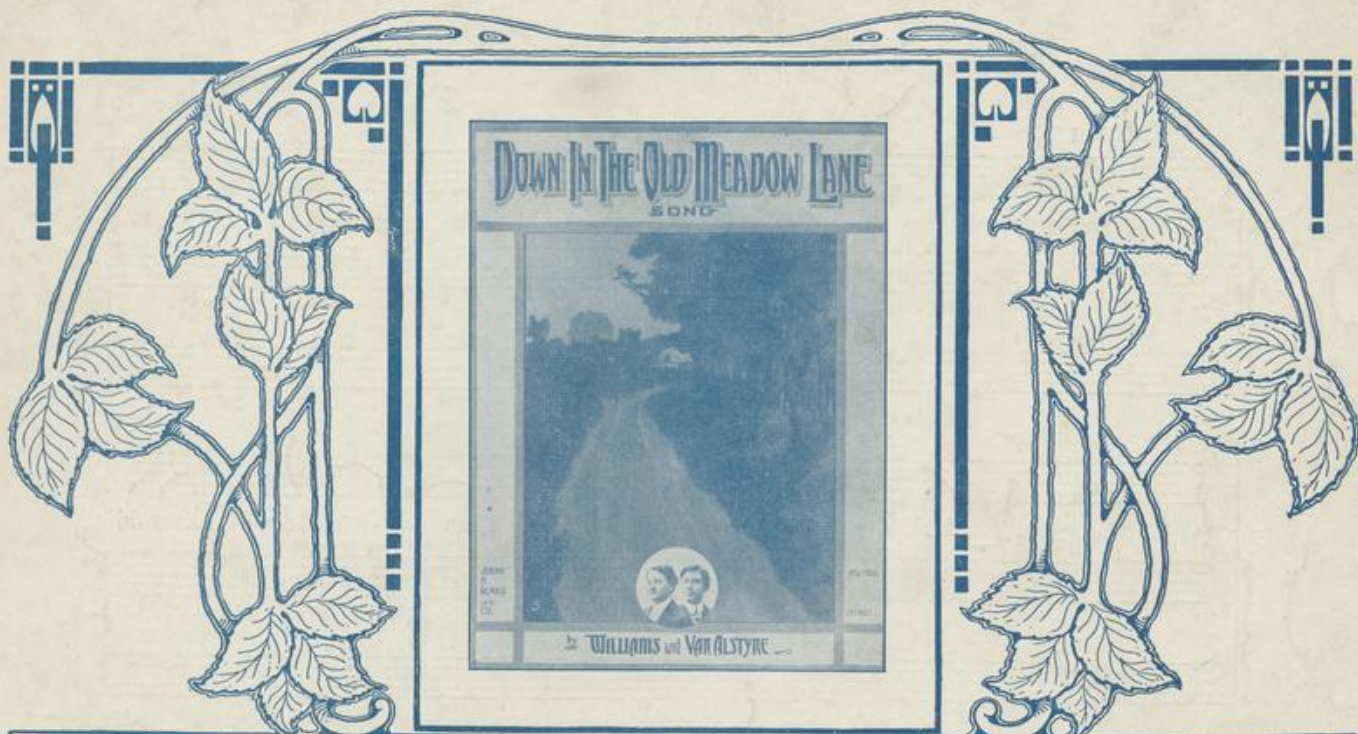
love; I would rath - er be, 'just a friend of his', Than an - y oth - er fel - low's tur - tle

dove? I would rath - er have him a - buse me, Than an -

oth - er call me 'an - gel from a - bove'; I would rath - er love what I

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Down In The Old Meadow Lane

Words by **MARRY WILLIAMS** Music by **EGBERT VAN ALSTYNE**

REFRAIN
 Down in the old meadow lane, Ma-ry, Down by the old pas-ture
 here, Where we were hap-py in a gath-er-
 ing
 Just you and me and the stars, The long years have flown, Since I
 said you my own, Time spent in sad tears and pain, For the
 past is gone

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