

"SHOEBOOT'S SERENADE"

RAG SONG WITH TROMBONE OBLIGATO

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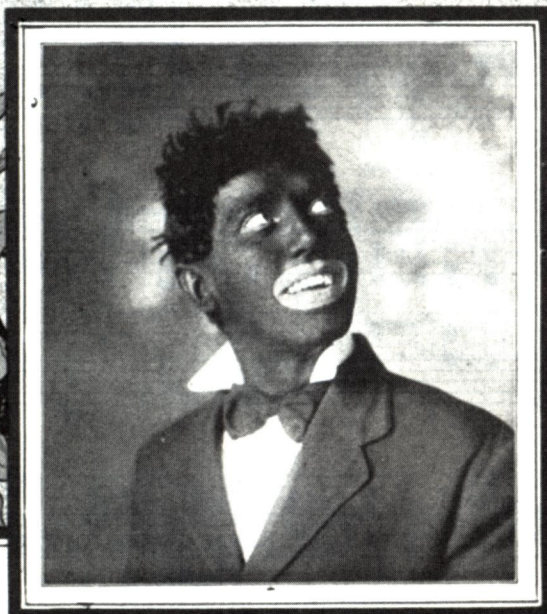
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Moderato

mf

The piano introduction is in 2/4 time, marked Moderato and mezzo-forte (mf). It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both in the key of B-flat major. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

VOICE

Shoe - boot Reed - - er
Un - der the win - - dow,

The vocal line begins with a rest for four measures, then enters with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues from the introduction, providing harmonic support for the voice. The lyrics are: "Shoe - boot Reed - - er / Un - der the win - - dow,"

was the lead - - er Of a col - ored band, _____
Shoe - boot took Lin - - da, For his wed - ded wife, _____

The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "was the lead - - er Of a col - ored band, _____ / Shoe - boot took Lin - - da, For his wed - ded wife, _____". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes, ending with a final cadence.

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Mu - sic sweet and grand, _____ How he sang and
 Tied the knot for life, _____ Claimed her for his

played! One sum - mer night _____ in South - ern moon -
 own. Just a few pen - - nies Twin pic - a - nin -

- light, 'Neath a vine - clad win - dow, _____ He to
 - nies, Work scarce, eats one meal a day. _____ Sad at

his Me - lin - da _____ Sang this ser - e - nade. _____
 heart he tries to play _____ On his old Trom - bone. _____

CHORUS
slowly

I woke up this morn - ing with the blues all 'round my bed,

p - mf

Think - ing a - bout what you, my ba - by, said,

Do say the word and give my poor heart ease, The blues ain't

noth - ing but the fa - tal heart dis - ease. I'll

have to leave this town, just to wear you off my mind,

Can't sleep for dream - ing, can't laugh for cry - in',

So in the moon - - - light Shoe-boots played

his lit-tle ser - e - nade.

rit. e dim.