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Moderato.

The piano introduction is written for a grand piano in 2/4 time, marked 'Moderato' and 'mf'. It consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody is in the treble clef, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

VOICE.

The first two lines of the vocal melody are written on a single staff in treble clef. The piano accompaniment is on two staves below. The lyrics are:

1. I want to ask you some- thin' Sis, but I can't make a start, Be-
2. Don't look a - way I heard you sigh, you dont like me no more, I

The next two lines of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are:

cus I feel a - fraid you might get sore; — I aint got nerve to tell you jes' what's
did - n't mean no harm so dont you cry; — Let us be pals jes' you and I, the

The final two lines of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are:

do - in' in me heart, I nev - er told no oth - er gal be - fore; — Last
way we wuz be - fore, Cheer up and wipe the tear - drops from your eye; — You're

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night I did - n't sleep a wink, jes' think - in' what I'd say, I
smil ing now you see the joke I want to mar ry you, I

had it fig - ured out how you'd a - gree; But
thought you'd laugh but then you're not to blame; You're

when I hold your lit - tle hand me nerve all goes a - way, An'
cry - ing foist and then you smile I don't know what to do, I

then I know that you're too good for me.
tell you what, you got me guess - in' Mame.

CHORUS.

If I had the nerve I'd ask you could you love me, I

would - n't want to live if you re - fuse; I

kind o' feel that you're a - way a - bove me, An'

you're a pal that I don't care to lose; I'm

sat - is - fied to on - ly have you near me, To

win you out is more than I de - serve; But I'd

take you in my arms and call you dear - - ie, And I'd

kiss you if I on - ly had the nerve.