

Key: Any

Genre: General

Harp Type: Any

Skill: Beginner

Putting on the Ritz

* Tune starts in "F" on piano for 21 measures and then changes to Ab for the harper.

This midi is difficult to match up to lyrics. You'll have fun with it anyway.

To play with the Midi (in bold to the right):
Come in with Ab harp after measure 22 with:


| -6 7 8 5 -6 | 7 8 5 -6 | 7 8 5 -6 7 | 8 5 6 -7 | -8 | 8 -8 7
-7 | -6 | |

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| -6 7 8 5 -6 | 7 8 5 -6 | 7 8 5 -6 7 | 8 5 6 -7 | -8 | 8 -8 7
-7 | -6 | |

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| -8 8 -9 9 | -10 9 -9 8 | -8 r -8 | 7 -8 8 -9 | 9 -9 8 -8 | 7
r 7 | 7 7 7 -7 |

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| -6 7 8 5 -6 | 7 8 5 -6 | 7 8 5 -6 7 | 8 5 6 -7 | -8 | 8 -8 7
-7 | -6 | |

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32 measure instrumental here

-6 7 8 5 -6→ 7 8 5 -6 7 8 5 -6 7

| Come with me and we'll | attend their ju | bilee. And see
them |

8 5 6 -7 -8→ 8 -8 7 -7 -6

| spend their last two | bits. | Puttin' on the | Ritz. |

-8 8 -9 9 -10 9 -9 8 -8 r -8

| That's where each and | ev' ry lulu | belle goes. | 4
measure instrumental |

| 7 7 7 -7 |

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-6 7 8 5 -6→ 7 8 5 -6 7 8 5 -6 7


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them |

8 5 6 -7 -8→ 8 -8 7 -7 -6

| spend their last two | bits. | Puttin' on the | Ritz. |

Lyrics:

Have you seen the well-to-do? Up on Lenox Avenue. On that
famous thoroughfare,
with their noses in the air. High hats and colored collars.
White spats and

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fifteen dollars. Spending every dime for a wonderful time.

If you're blue and you don't know where to go to.

8 -8 7 -7 -6 → RR

Why don't you go where Harlem sits? | Puttin' on the | Ritz. |
|

32 measures of instrumentals

Spangled gowns upon a bevy of high browns.

from down the levee, all misfits. Puttin' on the Ritz.


Ev'ry Thursday evening with her swell beaus. Rubbin' elbows.
Come with me and we'll | attend their jubilee. And see them
spend their last two bits. Puttin' on the Ritz.

If you're blue And you don't know where to go to.
Why don't you go where Harlem sits? Puttin' on the Ritz.

Spangled gowns upon a bevy of high browns.
from down the levee, all misfits. Puttin' on the Ritz.

That's where each and every lulubelle goes.
Ev'ry Thursday evening with her swell beaus. Rubbin' elbows.

Come with me and we'll attend their jubilee
and see them spend their last two bits.
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— instrumental and tap dancing break —

Come with me and we'll attend their jubilee
and see them spend their last two bits. Puttin' on the ritz.

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[Original version:]

Have you seen the well-to-do up on Lenox Avenue
On that famous thoroughfare with their noses in the air
High hats and colored collars, white spats and fifteen dollars


Spending every dime for a wonderful time

If you're blue and you don't know where to go to
Why don't you go where Harlem sits
Puttin' on the ritz

Spangled gowns upon a bevy of high browns
From down the levee, all misfits
Puttin' on the ritz

That's where each and every lulubelle goes
Ev'ry Thursday evening with her swell beaus
Rubbing elbows

Come with me and we'll attend their jubilee

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And see them spend their last two bits
Puttin' on the ritz

[Revised 1946 version:]

Have you seen the well-to-do up and down Park Avenue
On that famous thoroughfare with their noses in the air
High hats and Arrow collars, white spats and lots of dollars
Spending every dime for a wonderful time

(Mel Torme sings this version)

If you're blue and you don't know where to go to
Why don't you go where fashion sits
Puttin' on the ritz

Diff'rent types who wear a day coat, pants with stripes
And cutaway coat, perfect fits, Puttin' on the ritz


Dressed up like a million dollar trouser
Trying hard to look like Gary Cooper Super duper

Come let's mix where Rockefellers walk with sticks
Or "um-ber-ellas" in their mitts. Puttin' on the ritz

[alternates:]

Strolling up the avenue so happy
All dressed up just like an English chappie Very snappy

You'll declare it's simply "top-thing" to be there
And hear them swapping smart tidbits. Puttin' on the ritz

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[Transcript of 1982 version by Dutch singer Taco (which Berlin
“reportedly enjoyed”):]

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Why don't you go where fashion sits. Puttin' on the ritz

Diff'rent types who wear a day coat, pants with stripes
And cutaway coat, perfect fits. Puttin' on the ritz


Dressed up like a million dollar trouser
Tryin' hard to look like Gary Cooper
super duper

Come let's mix where Rockefellers walk with sticks
Or “um-ber-ellas” in their mitts
Puttin' on the ritz

Have you seen the well-to-do up and down Park Avenue
On that famous thoroughfare with their noses in the air
High hats and Arrow collars, white spats and lots of dollars
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Why don't you go where fashion sits
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Puttin' on the ritz
Puttin' on the ritz
Puttin' on the ritz

Move...

Gotta dance
Gotta dance...

If you're blue and you don't know where to go to
Why don't you go where fashion sits
Puttin' on the ritz...

[Parody version:]

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Have you seen the well-to-do having sex like me and you?
They're afraid of STDs and unwanted pregnancies
The AIDS scare's reached it's apex
But who cares? I want my safe sex
You feel that way too? Then the Ritz is the rubber for you

If you screw and you don't know who you do screw
Why don't you use the brand that fits
Puttin' on the Ritz


Girls, you'll see, will be receptive
They don't want the contraceptive pills and kits
If you're puttin' on the Ritz

Other brands? Well, friends, you can't compare theirs
When you can wear the brand that Fred Astaire wears
And the Care Bears

It's a glitzy, ritzy condom
Worn by even Stephen Sondheim who admits
To puttin' on the Ritz

You won't need no diaphragm to trap her
Just slap your Mister Happy in that wrapper
And you'll look dapper

With your playmate you will get much more play
She'll help to put it on you during foreplay
At work or play

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Keep a few right in your wallet
If you do then I can call it quits, that's it!
Puttin' on the ritz

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