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I Wish The Band Would Play

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I WISH THE BAND WOULD PLAY.

As Sung by
BREEN AND GEARY
of the "ACROSS
the PACIFIC" Co.
AUTHORS OF "WHERE THE MOCKING
BIRDS WERE
SINGING"



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"I WISH THE BAND WOULD PLAY."

Words by Harry J. Breen.

Music by T. Mayo Geary.

Tempo di Valse.

The piano introduction is written in 3/4 time. The right hand begins with a melody of eighth notes, starting on G4 and moving up to D5. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The piece starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and ends with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

When the frost goes a - way, and the sun comes to
When your days work is through, and you've noth - ing to

The first system of the song features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "When the frost goes a - way, and the sun comes to / When your days work is through, and you've noth - ing to". The piano part includes a piano (*p*) dynamic marking.

stay, Then it's sum-mer and fun is be - gin-ning, — For the girls and the
do, Take the girl you love best out a stroll- ing, Hold your head up with

The second system continues the song with the lyrics: "stay, Then it's sum-mer and fun is be - gin-ning, — For the girls and the / do, Take the girl you love best out a stroll- ing, Hold your head up with".

boys, it brings ma-ny joys, And the youngfolks they then have their in-ning, —
pride, when she's by your side, For to be in love is so con - so-ling;

The third system concludes the song with the lyrics: "boys, it brings ma-ny joys, And the youngfolks they then have their in-ning, — / pride, when she's by your side, For to be in love is so con - so-ling;".

Your ball-rooms in win-ter, can nev-er com-pare, To the
 Don't take up her time by tell-ing her tales, While the

pla-ces in sum-mer you know, ——— You ride on a trol-ly to
 dan-cers are gli-ding a - long, ——— Show the girl of your choice that you

get the fresh air, And sing this song when things get slow. ———
 have a good voice, And join with the crowd in this song.

mf *dim. e rall*

CHORUS.

I wish the band would play, ——— I wish the band would play ———

pf

A Two-step or Lan-cers a Waltz or Quad - rille An - y old

thing for I can-not keep still; I wish the band would play, The

songs we hear each day, With the mu-sic be - fore us we'll all sing the

chorus, "I wish the band would play!" I play!"