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Mod'to

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is present at the beginning.

When first I met... my Di - nah dear, I loved her at... first
A scene of south - ern beau - ty "ev' - ry night I now... be -

The vocal line begins with a half note followed by eighth notes. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. A dynamic marking of *mf* (mezzo-forte) is indicated.

sight;..... It seem'd I knew... her long be - fore that night..... Her
hold,..... When moonbeams crown my Cre - ole queen in gold;..... While

The vocal line continues with a half note and then eighth notes. The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line with sixteenth notes.

dark eyes all... a - gleaming put... the brightest star... to shame,..... Her
on her bal - co - ny she waits, and like a Ro - me - o,..... To

The vocal line concludes with a half note and eighth notes. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord and a short melodic flourish in the bass.

Cu - pid lips... could make a red... rose tame... Soon we
 meet her there... I soft - ly steal - ing go... Now...

fell to ask - ing ques - tions a - bout the things we'd like... to know,..... She
 were it for the ask - ing, she'd been my sweet wife long.. a - go;..... 'Cause

asked me if..... I had an - oth - er beau,..... O - o - o - o!..... Then
 when I ask.... she won't say, "Yes" or "No!"..... O - o - o - o!..... Just

while the moon was beam - ing,... my heart was beat - ing gay,..... I
 rolls her eyes and smiles at me.... to tease me, I.... sup - pose..... So

told her how..... I loved her in.... this way:.....
 ev' - ry night.... I sing when I.... pro - pose:.....

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Chorus

Say you'll be..... my la - dy, Di - nah, do,..... sweet Dinah, do!

You're the sweet - est gal I ev - er knew, — yes, ev - er knew!

You're the ap - ple of my eye! And I'll love you till I die!.... Just

say you'll be..... my la - dy, Di - nah, do,..... sweet Dinah, do!.....