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## Open Your Heart

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OPEN YOUR HEART

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(LATE STARS OF "SHUFFLE ALONG")  
**RUNNIN' WILD**

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# Open Your Heart

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Moderato

Piano

The piano introduction is in B-flat major, 4/4 time. It begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The right hand features a series of chords and eighth-note patterns, while the left hand provides a steady bass line. The piece concludes with a ritardando (rit.) marking.

*p*

I've been won-der-ing, I've been pon-der-ing, Why you're al-ways so blue,

*p a tempo*

The first vocal line is marked piano (p). The piano accompaniment is marked *p a tempo*. The melody is simple and melodic, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords and a steady bass line.

When there's so much cheer, 'Round us ev'-ry where, Wait-ing dear-ie, for you.

The second vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand, adding a rhythmic flourish to the accompaniment.

Doubt may har-ry you, troub-les wor-ry you, Still, my dear, you should know, — That

The third vocal line concludes the phrase. The piano accompaniment features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand, mirroring the pattern in the previous system.



*ten. a tempo*

love will light the way, Change night in-to day, Just be-lieve it is so;

*ten.*

*rall. a tempo*

## REFRAIN

*p f (Poco Marcato)*

O - - pen your heart And let the light of

*p f*

love shine through, Love is the

sun - shine that bright - ens up the blues;

Life with - out love was nev - er

meant, dear heart, for you, So o -

pen the door of your heart, And let the light of love come shin-ing

through. through.

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# ANOTHER "SUNSHINE OF YOUR SMILE" LOVE SENDS A LITTLE GIFT OF ROSES

Words by  
**LESLIE COOKE**

Music by  
**JOHN OPENSHAW**

Refrain

Love sends a lit - tle gift of ros es,

Breath - ing a pray'r un - to my pos - ies,

Torn from my heart as twi - light clos es,

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