

Show Boat Soundtrack

"Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man"

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(sings:)

Fish got to swim, birds got to fly,
I got to love one man till I die
Can't help lovin' dat man of mine.

MAGNOLIA

That's it...

(QUEENIE, re-entering, stops in her tracks and looks puzzled)

JULIE

Tell me he's lazy, tell me he's slow,
Tell me I'm crazy (maybe I know)
Can't help lovin' dat man of mine.

QUEENIE

How come y'all know dat song?

(JULIE stops abruptly, a swift terror steals across her face, and quickly vanishes - succeeded by an expression of stolid caution)

MAGNOLIA

Why? Do you know it, Queenie?

QUEENIE

F'sho' ah does - but ah didn't ever hear anybody but colored folks sing
dat song - sounds funny for Miss Julie to know it -

MAGNOLIA

Why, Julie sings it all the time.

QUEENIE

Kin y'sing de whole thing?

JULIE

'Course I can
(almost fiercely)

What's so funny about that?
(She starts to sing in an attitude of defiance,
then lapsing into the "blue" spirit of the song)
Oh, listen, sister,
I love my mister man,
And I can't tell yo' why.
Dere ain't no reason
Why I should love dat man -
It mus' be sumpin' dat de angels done plan.

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Tell me I'm crazy (maybe I know)-
Can't help lovin' dat man of mine.
When he goes away
Dat's a rainy day,
But when he comes back dat day is fine,
(carried away)
De sun will shine!
(QUEENIE goes on beating time with a spoon)
He kin come home as late as kin be,
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