

Fred Astaire

"Top Hat, White Tie And Tails"

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Words and music by Irving Berlin.

Introduced by Fred Astaire in the motion picture "Top Hat."

(verse)

I just got an invitation through the mails:

"Your presence requested this evening,

It's formal, a top hat, a white tie and tails."

Nothing now could take the wind out of my sails.

Because I'm invited to step out this evening

With top hat and white tie and tails.

(chorus)

I'm puttin' on my top hat,

Tyin' up my white tie,

Brushin' off my tails.

I'm dudin' up my shirt front,

Puttin' in the shirt studs,

Polishin' my nails,

I'm steppin' out, my dear,

To breathe an atmosphere

That simply reeks with class;

And I trust that you'll excuse my dust

When I step on the gas,

For I'll be there,

Puttin' down my top hat,

Mussin' up my white tie,

Dancin' in my tails.

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