

## Irving Berlin

### "I'd Rather Lead A Band"

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I haven't ambitions  
For lofty positions  
That wind up with the wealth of the land  
I'll give you the throne that a king sat on  
For just a small baton  
Providing you included a band

If I could be the wealthy owner of a large industry  
I would say, "Not for me"  
I'd rather lead a band

If I could be a politician with a chance to dictate  
I would say, "Let it wait"  
I'd rather lead a band

My ev'ry care ceases  
I'm rich as old Croesus  
When I've got ten pieces  
In hand

If Josephine had left Napoleon and climbed in my lap  
I'd say, "Go back to Nap"  
I'd rather lead a band

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