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Irving Berlin "That Dying Rag 18 Feb 1911"

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1st verse:]

Honey, I'm sinkin' fast Soon I will breathe my last

Fever is very high

Doctor said I will die

'Fore I take my long, long rest

Grant me, dear, one request

'Member that afternoon

We heard that dreamy tune

When you remarked to me

Who wrote that melody

That's the air I want to share before I die

[chorus:]

Honey dear, I must be going I fear I feel the finish is near Please bring your cello in here While I see just play the sweet melody And honey, call it for me "That Dying Rag"

[2nd verse:]

Honey, don't hesitate

Soon it will be too late

Heavenly gates I see

St. Peter's calling me

Thank the Lord I'm gwine to go

Up above, not below

Right on my tombstone, dear

Put this inscription clear

"Buried without disgrace

Died with a smiling face"

Honey say I passed away without a care

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