

## Irving Berlin

### "That Mysterious Rag 31 Aug 1911"

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1st verse:]

Did you hear it? Were you near it?  
If you weren't then you've yet to fear it  
Once you've met it you'll regret it  
Just because you never will forget it  
If you ever wake up from your dreaming  
A-scheming, eyes gleaming  
Then if suddenly you take a screaming fit  
That's it!

[chorus:]

That mysterious ra-ag  
While awake or while you're a-slumbering  
You're saying, keep playing  
That mysterious dra-ag  
Are you listenin'?  
Are you listenin'?  
Look! Look!  
You're whistlin'  
That mysterious ra-ag  
Sneaky, freaky ever melodious, mysterious rag

[2nd verse:]

Any minute they begin it  
E'er you know what you're about, you're in it  
Then a feeling, most appealing  
Comes a-stealing, sets your brain a-reeling  
When it's too late and ev'ryone is yawning  
Good morning, day dawning  
Then if suddenly you hear a warning shout  
Look out

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