

Berlin Irving

"My Wife's Gone To The Country (1"

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[1st verse:]

When Missus Brown told hubby, "I just can't stand the heat
Please send me to the country, dear, I know 'twould be a treat"
Next day his wife and fam'ly were seated on a train
And when the train had started, Brownie shouted this refrain:

[1st chorus:]

My wife's gone to the country, hurrah, hurrah!
She thought it best, I need a rest, that's why she went away
She took the children with her, hurrah, hurrah!
I don't care what becomes of me, my wife's gone away

[2nd verse:]

He kept the 'phone a-going, told ev'ryone he knew
"It's Mister Brown, come on downtown, I have some news for you"
He told a friend reporter just why he felt so gay
Next day an advertisement in the papers read this way:

[2nd chorus:]

My wife's gone to the country, hurrah, hurrah!
She thought it best, I need a rest, that's why she went away
She took the children with her, hurrah, hurrah!
I don't care what becomes of me, my wife's gone away

[3rd verse:]

He sang his joyful story into a phonograph
He made a dozen records and I say it was to laugh
For when his friends had vanished and Brown was all alone
His neighbors heard the same old tune on Brownie's graphophone

[3rd chorus:]

My wife's gone to the country, hurrah, hurrah!
She thought it best, I need the rest, that's why she went
away
She took the children with her, hurrah, hurrah!
Like Eva Tanguay, I don't care, my wife's gone away

[4th verse:]

He went into the parlor and tore down from the wall
A sign that read "God Bless Our Home" and threw it in
the hall
Another sign he painted and hung it up instead
Next day the servant nearly fainted when these words
she read:

[4th chorus:]

My wife's gone to the country, hurrah, hurrah!
She thought it best, I need the rest, that's why she went
away
She took the children with her, hurrah, hurrah!
Now I'm with you if you're with me, my wife's gone
away

[5th verse:]

He called on pretty Molly, a girl he used to know
The servant said "She left the house about an hour ago
But if you leave your name, sir, or write a little note
I'll give it to her when she comes" and this is what he
wrote:

[5th chorus:]

My wife's gone to the country, hurrah, hurrah!
She thought it best, I need the rest, that's why she went
away
She took the children with her, hurrah, hurrah!
I love my wife, but oh! you kid, my wife's gone away

[6th verse:]

He went and bought a parrot, a very clever bird
The kind that always would repeat most anything she
heard
So when his voice grew husky and Brownie couldn't talk
While he'd be taking cough-drops, he would have the
parrot squawk:

[6th chorus:]

My wife's gone to the country, hurrah, hurrah!
She thought it best, I need the rest, that's why she went
away
She took the children with her, hurrah, hurrah! I knew
my book, she left the cook, my wife's gone away

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