

## **Berlin Irving**

### **"Play A Simple Melody"**

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[original title: "Simple Melody"]

[1st verse:]

The diff'rent lays of nowadays  
All set my brain a whirl  
They're not the kind of songs they sang  
When mother was a girl  
Your spoony rags and coony drags  
All made my poor heart ache  
Bring back the rhymes of olden times  
And just for old times sake

[chorus:]

Won't you play a simple melody  
Like my mother sang to me  
One with good old fashioned harmony  
Play a simple melody

[2nd verse:]

In days of yore, before the war  
When hearts now old were young  
At home each night by firelight  
Those dear old songs were sung  
Sweet melodies, their memories  
Around my heart still cling  
That's why I long to hear a song  
Like mother used to sing

[rag verse:]

I don't care for longhaired musicians  
With their classy melodies  
They have lots of highbrow ambitions  
But their music doesn't please  
Give me something snappy and popular  
The kind that darkies play  
Lots of rhythm  
And I go with 'em  
That's why I say

[rag chorus:]

Musical Demon

Set your honey a-dreamin'  
Won't you play me some rag  
Just change that classical nag  
To some sweet beautiful drag  
If you will play from a copy  
Of a tune that is choppy  
You'll get all my applause  
And that is simply because I want to listen to rag

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