

George & Ira Gershwin

"Let's Call the Whole Thing Off"

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Things have come to a pretty pass.
Our romance is growing flat!
For you like this or the other,
and I go for this or that!

Goodness knows what the end will be,
I don't know where I am at (???)
It looks as if we two will never be one.
Something must be done.

1
You say E-ther and I say I-ther.
You say nE-ther and I say nI-ther.
E-ther, I-ther,
nE-ther, nI-ther
Let's call the whole thing off!

You like po-tay-to and I like po-tah-to.
You like to-may-to and I like to-mah-to.
Po-tay-to, po-tah-to,
To-may-to, to-mah-to,
Let's call the whole thing off!

But oh, if we call the whole thing off,
then we must part.
And oh, if we ever part
that would just break my heart.

So if you go for oi-sters and I go fer er-sters,
I'll order oi-sters and cancel my er-sters.
For we know we
need each other so we
better call the calling off off,
Let's call the whole thing off!

2
You say a-fter and I say ah-fter,
You say la-fter and I say lah-fter.
A-fter, ah-fter,
La-fter, lah-fter,
let's call the whole thing off!

You say vanilla and I say vanella,
You s'asperilla and I s'asperella.
Vanilla, vanella,
chocoloate, strawberries!
Let's call the whole thing off!

But oh, if we call the whole thing off,
then we must part.
And oh, if we ever part
that would just break my heart.

You like pajamas and I like pajahmas.
I'll wear pajamas and give up pajahmas.
For we know we
need each other so we
better call the calling off off,
Let's call the whole thing off!

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