

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

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Intro *freely* so lone-ly,

Tenor Lead

8

1 2 3

An-y time I find I'm feel-in' lone-ly, and I'm won-d'ring just what I should

Bari Bass

8

4 5 6 7

do, since I know your love is for me on-ly, I'll write this spe-cial let-ter, dear, to

and on-ly you.

Chorus (*moderate swing*) ♩ = $\frac{3}{4}$

8 9 10

you. No one to talk with, all by my-self,

and on-ly you.

You know there's no

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Ain't Misbehavin'

no one to walk with, but I'm hap-py on— the shelf, ain't mis-be-hav-in',

This system contains measures 11, 12, and 13. Measure 11 has two 'x' marks above the notes. Measure 12 has two 'x' marks above the notes. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

I'm sav-in' my— love for you,— won-der-ful you.— I know for cer-tain

This system contains measures 14, 15, 16, and 17. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The key signature remains two flats.

the one I love.— I'm through with flirt-in', it's just you I'm think-in' of.

This system contains measures 18, 19, and 20. Measure 19 has two 'x' marks above the notes. Measure 20 has two 'x' marks above the notes. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The key signature remains two flats.

Ain't mis-be-hav-in', I'm sav-in' my— love for you.—

Ain't

This system contains measures 21, 22, 23, and 24. Measure 23 and 24 are grouped together with a large oval. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The key signature remains two flats.

25 26 27

Like Jack Hor-ner in the cor-ner, don't go no-where.

Like

This system contains measures 25, 26, and 27. Measure 25 has a treble clef, key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. It features a melody with two 'x' marks above the notes. Measure 26 has a bass clef and continues the melody. Measure 27 has a treble clef and continues the melody. The lyrics are 'Like Jack Hor-ner in the cor-ner, don't go no-where.' The word 'Like' is written below the bass line.

28 29 30 31

What do I— care? Your kis-ses are worth wait-in' for— be -

This system contains measures 28, 29, 30, and 31. Measure 28 has a treble clef and a melody with two 'x' marks. Measure 29 has a bass clef. Measure 30 has a treble clef. Measure 31 has a bass clef. The lyrics are 'What do I— care? Your kis-ses are worth wait-in' for— be -'.

32 33 34

lieve— me.— I don't stay out late, don't care to go.—

And that's why I

This system contains measures 32, 33, and 34. Measure 32 has a treble clef and a melody. Measure 33 has a bass clef. Measure 34 has a treble clef. The lyrics are 'lieve— me.— I don't stay out late, don't care to go.—' and 'And that's why I'.

35 36 37

I'm home a - bout eight, just me and my ra - di - o. Ain't mis-be-hav-in',

Ain't

This system contains measures 35, 36, and 37. Measure 35 has a treble clef and a melody with three 'x' marks. Measure 36 has a bass clef and a melody with two 'x' marks. Measure 37 has a treble clef. The lyrics are 'I'm home a - bout eight, just me and my ra - di - o. Ain't mis-be-hav-in',' and 'Ain't'.

38 I'm sav-in' my love for you, yes, I said won-der-ful you. I'm rav-in',
 39 And I'm
 40 I'm
 41 I'm
 42 I'm cra-vin', but I ain't mis-be-hav-in'. I'm sav-in'
 43 I'm
 44 I'm
 45 I'm
 46 all of my love for you. for- ain't mis-be-hav-in', I'm cra-zy for you.
 47 for- ain't mis-be-hav-in' I'm
 48 cra-zy for you.

Performance Notes

This song was introduced in the 1929 Nightclub Revue: *Connie's Hot Chocolates* by Louis Armstrong, and has been recorded innumerable times by many artists, including Armstrong and the composer "Fats" Waller. It later became the title tune of the Broadway musical celebrating the music of "Fats" Waller, whose extensive list of published songs includes *Blue Turning Gray Over You*, *Honeysuckle Rose*, *I've Got A Feeling I'm Falling*, *The Joint Is Jumpin'*, *Keepin' Out Of Mischief Now* and *What Did I Do To Be So Black And Blue*. Andy Razaf was his principal lyricist, and Harry Brooks was a sometime collaborator.

This arrangement is mostly the work of the late Earl Moon, whose prolific output is widely known throughout the Society and is frequently represented in our published catalog. Our 1999 Society president, renowned arranger Ed Waesche, added his magic touches to make it even more interesting and singable.

The entire chorus should have a strong swing feeling, emphasizing beats 2 and 4 of each measure. "Wonderful you" (measure 23) should be sung with feeling, such that it starts a series of strong pulsations ending with measure 28. Measures 29 and 30 are sung with tenderness, and "believe me" (measures 31-32) contrasts that tenderness with forceful emphasis.