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ELLA FITZGERALD

The music of Ella Fitzgerald will be forever remembered through her sultry ballads, her prodigious scatting, and her immortal renditions of American standards. With the voice of an angel, she seduced the world for half a century. During her lifetime, she was not only appreciated by her fans, but was revered among her fellow jazz musicians as an equal, a jazz giant, and an innovator.

Ella was born on April 25, 1917 in Newport News, Virginia. Moving to New York City with her mother, Tempie, when she was just a babe in arms, she began her education at Public School 10 in the city of Yonkers in September 1923. Despite her situation as an impoverished girl north of Harlem, she was a continually cheerful and outgoing girl determined to make it in show business — as a dancer.

Although a fine dancer, she was thankfully discovered as a singer at the age of seventeen. In the winter of 1934, Ella sang in and won the Apollo Theatre's Amateur Night contest, as she had drawn the short straw among a group of friends. It was at that performance where she was discovered and brought forward into stardom.

After losing her mother, Ella was an orphan teenager without direction for her musical talent. It was a popular bandleader of the time, Chick Webb, who acted as a surrogate father and mentor during her early career.

After joining his band in 1934, it was not very long before she drew large audiences to her performances at Harlem's famous Savoy Ballroom.

In 1938, Ella Fitzgerald recorded "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," a swing rendition of a popular nursery rhyme, arranged by Chick and her. This became a worldwide hit, and today still remains a Swing Era anthem. After Webb's untimely death in 1939, the band was left in Ella's hands. She gave it up after only a few more years, as she was not suited to the demanding whirlwind of running a big band.

The 1940s marked the true beginning of her solo career. She made a series of landmark recordings for Milt Gabler, her producer at Decca, as well as some for Norman Granz, her next producer on the Verve label. In the late 1940s, Ella began to blossom into a bebop singer as well, playing with Dizzy Gillespie's big band for several years. It was during this period that she married jazz bassist Ray Brown, with whom she adopted a child, Ray Brown Jr.

Her career as the world renowned singer finally emerged in 1949, as Granz presented her in the Jazz at the Philharmonic concert series. This popular series featured the finest instrumentalists in jazz, from Charlie Parker to Lester Young. From 1956 to 1964, she recorded some of her most memorable versions of standard songbooks, including those by Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, the Gershwins, Johnny Mercer, Irving Berlin, and Rodgers and Hart.

Ella continued to record and tour through the 1990s, when failing health finally ended her amazing career. On June 15, 1996, Ella Fitzgerald passed on, leaving us a lifetime full of memories through her timeless recordings. Throughout her lifetime, she received accolades from U.S. presidents, universities, the Grammy® awards, and every other person who heard the purity and genius of her music.

She was a singer who responded to the musical imperatives of a song while illuminating the wit within the lyrics. She could spin a melody in any direction, transcending each note and word as sweetly and soulfully as the trumpet of Louie Armstrong, the saxophone of Johnny Hodges, and the clarinet of Benny Goodman. Her love for music was unending, while her passion was unmistakable in every concert she ever performed and every recording she ever made. Every generation that has heard her voice will never forget that there is only one Ella.

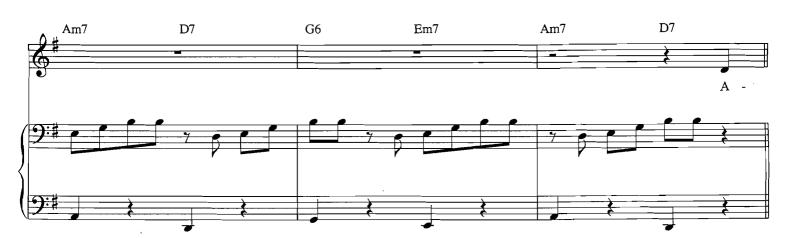
A-TISKET, A-TASKET

Words and Music by ELLA FITZGERALD and VAN ALEXANDER









^{*}Recorded a half step higher.















BLACK COFFEE

Words and Music by PAUL FRANCIS WEBSTER and SONNY BURKE











BUT NOT FOR ME

Music and Lyrics by GEORGE GERSHWIN and IRA GERSHWIN











CHEEK TO CHEEK

from the RKO Radio Motion Picture TOP HAT

Words and Music by IRVING BERLIN











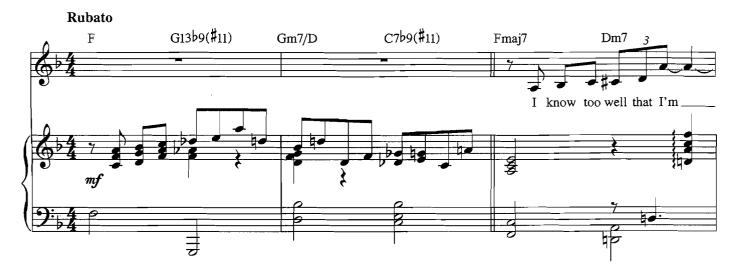




EASY TO LOVE

(You'd Be So Easy to Love)

Words and Music by COLE PORTER













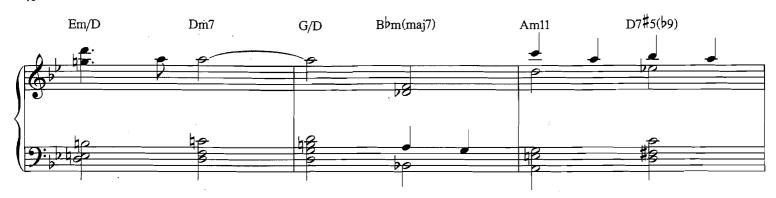
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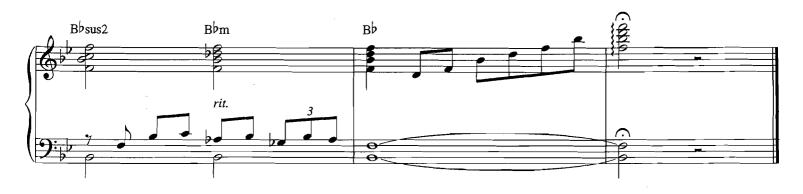












EV'RY TIME WE SAY GOODBYE

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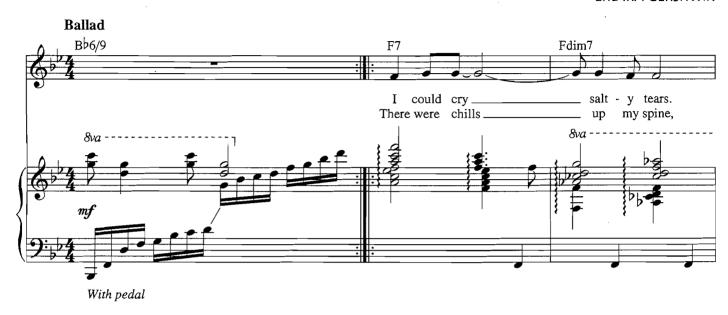


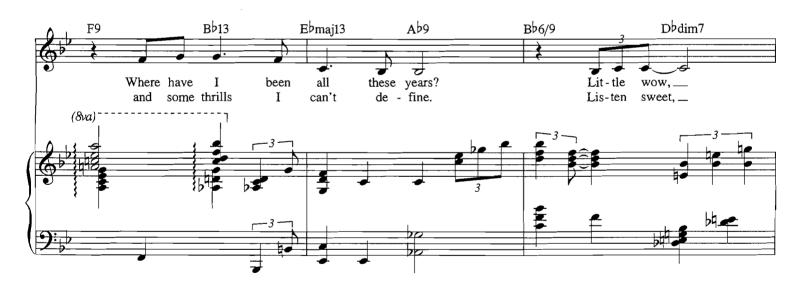


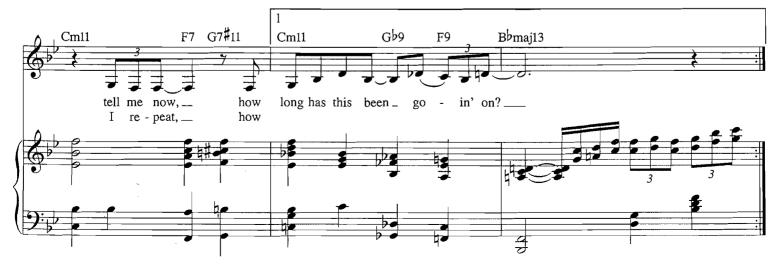


HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON?

Music and Lyrics by GEORGE GERSHWIN and IRA GERSHWIN







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I GOT IT BAD AND THAT AIN'T GOOD

Words by PAUL FRANCIS WEBSTER
Music by DUKE ELLINGTON















I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT

Words and Music by DON GEORGE, JOHNNY HODGES, DUKE ELLINGTON and HARRY JAMES





















I'M PUTTING ALL MY EGGS IN ONE BASKET

from the Motion Picture FOLLOW THE FLEET

Words and Music by IRVING BERLIN

















I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARM

from the 20th Century Fox Motion Picture ON THE AVENUE

Words and Music by IRVING BERLIN











IF YOU CAN'T SING IT

(You'll Have to Swing It) from the Paramount Picture RHYTHM ON THE RANGE

Words and Music by SAM COSLOW















ILL WIND

(You're Blowin' Me No Good)

Lyric by TED KOEHLER Music by HAROLD ARLEN











IT DON'T MEAN A THING

(If It Ain't Got That Swing)

Words and Music by DUKE ELLINGTON and IRVING MILLS

















THE LADY IS A TRAMP

Words by LORENZ HART Music by RICHARD RODGERS











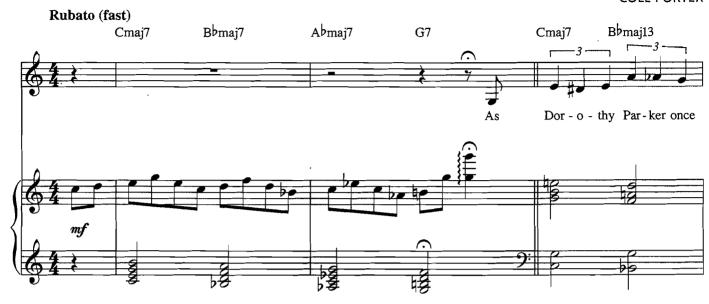


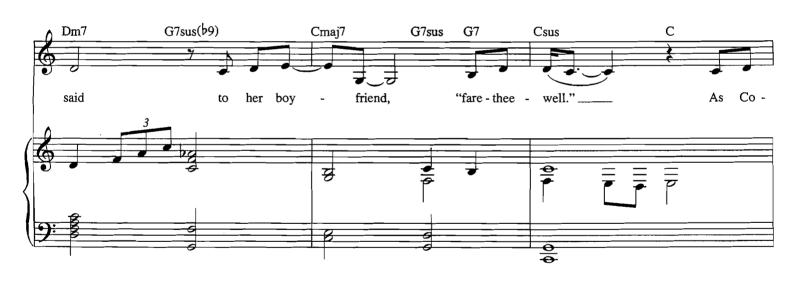


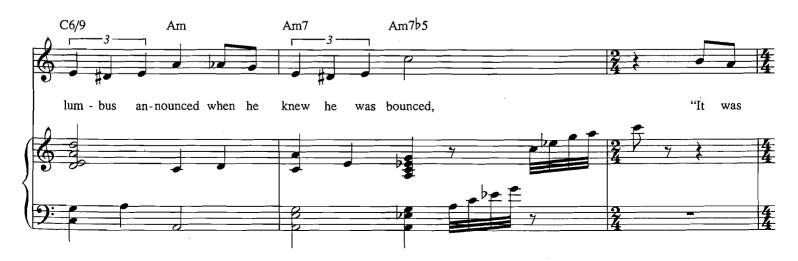


JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS

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LET'S CALL THE WHOLE THING OFF

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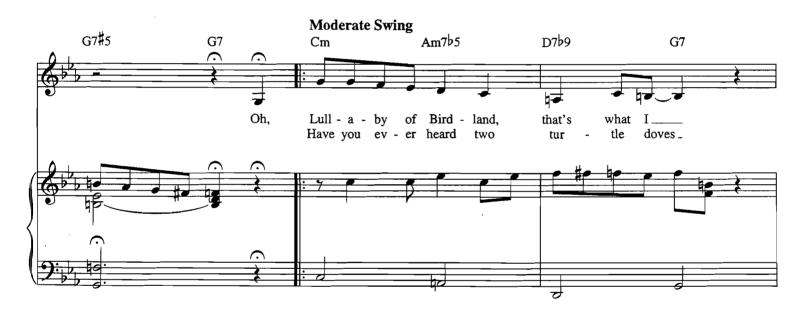


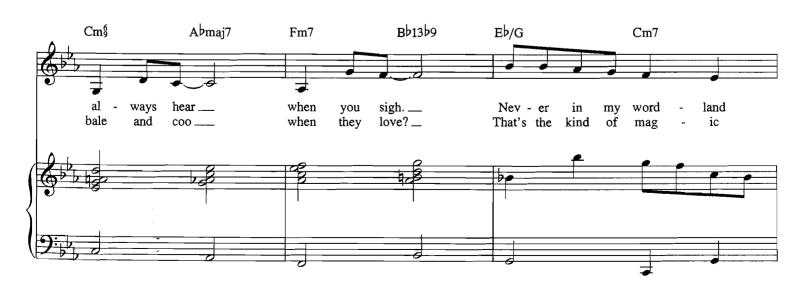


LULLABY OF BIRDLAND

Words by GEORGE DAVID WEISS Music by GEORGE SHEARING















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OH, LADY BE GOOD!



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SATIN DOLL

By-DUKE ELLINGTON



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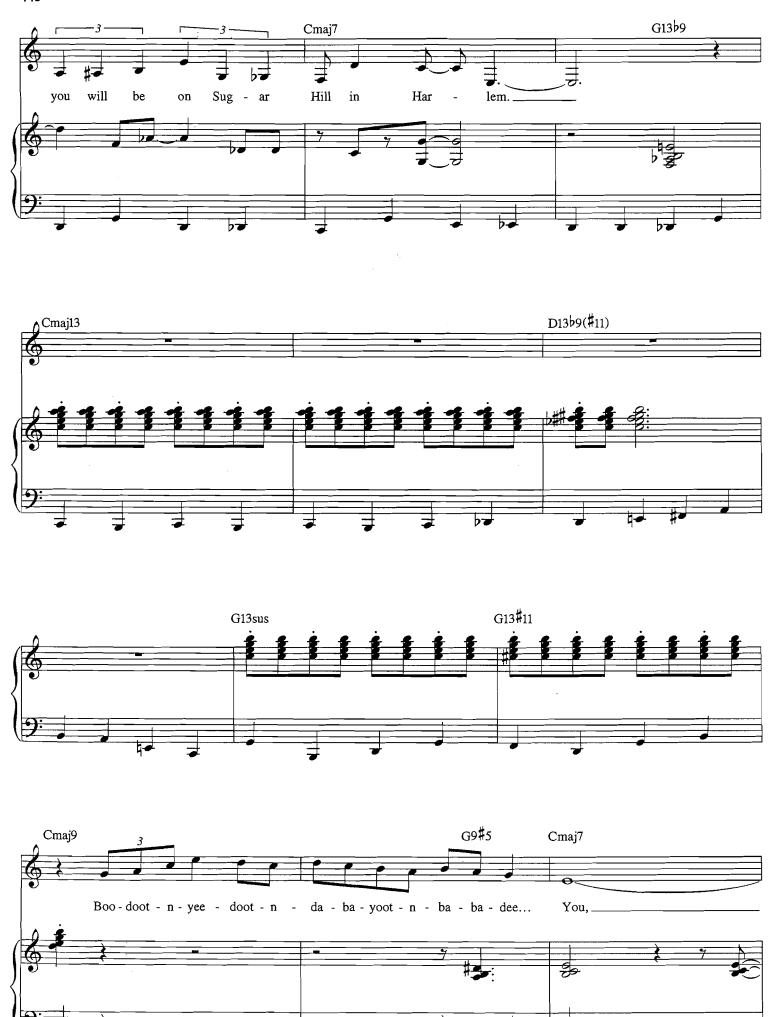
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Words and Music by **BILLY STRAYHORN Moderate Swing** N.C. mf 1 Doo da - n - da -2 how... n - dee - doo - hah n - da - boop - m - boo bee... Hee-doot - n - doo - ba - oov - da -F#7#11 F#7 F#7 G6 F#7 E F G G F Ε Fmaj7

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