



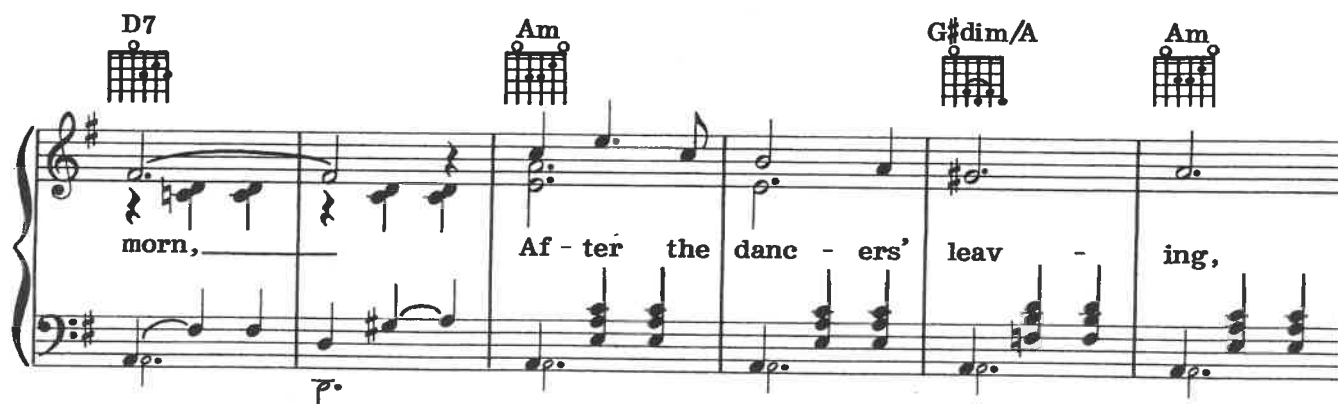
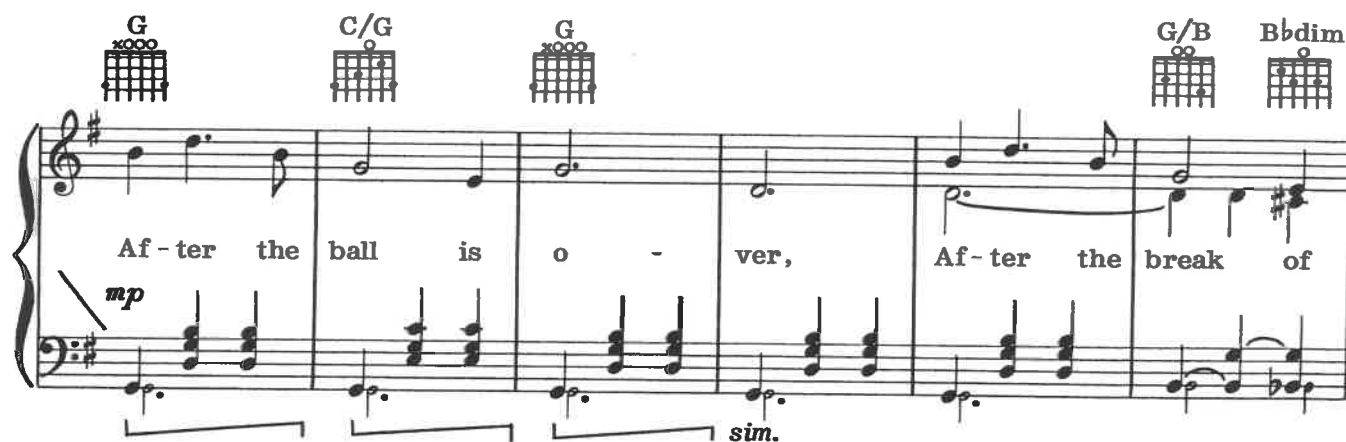
After the Ball

Words and Music by Charles K. Harris

The granddaddy of all smash hits, "After the Ball" failed at its premiere in 1892 because the singer forgot the words. Even so, Milwaukeean Charles K. Harris paid to have his song interpolated in the show A Trip to Chinatown. Though it bore no relation to the plot, it brought down the house. Soon a Boston music shop ordered 75,000 copies, and by year's end, Harris was using every available printing press in Milwaukee to satisfy the demand. Within a few years, 5 million copies had been sold, and in later life, Harris claimed to have made \$10 million from the song.



Moderate waltz









Af - ter the stars are gone. Man - y a







heart is ach - ing, If you could read them





all. Man - y the hopes that have van -






ished Af - ter the ball.