

From: "Kiss Me Kate"

Brush Up Your Shakespeare

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Bowery waltz tempo

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are for piano, with the right hand in treble clef and the left hand in bass clef, both in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The first piano staff starts with a dynamic of *mp*. The second piano staff has a dynamic of *pp*. The vocal part begins with the lyrics "Vamp till ready" in *F* major, followed by "Gm", "Am", and "C(add9)". The lyrics continue with "The", "girls to - day, in so - ci - e - ty, go for clas - si - cal", "po - et - ry, so, to win their hearts, one must quote with ease", and "C7". The piano parts include various chords and bass lines.

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F

Aes - chy-lus and Eu - rip - i - des. One must know Ho - mer, and

less you know Shel - ley and Keats and Pope, Dain - ty Deb - bies will

F C/E F(5) C/E C/G

call you a dope. But the po - et of them all, _____ who will

tr.

F(♭5) C7 F(♭5)

start 'em sim - ply rav - in', *tr* is the po - et peo - ple

C G7 C C7

call "The bard of Strat - ford - on - A - von."

Play 3 times

F D7 G7 C7

1. Brush up your Shake - speare, start quot - ing him
 2. Brush up your Shake - speare, start quot - ing him
 3. Brush up your Shake - speare, start quot - ing him

mf

F B♭ F G7

now. Brush up your Shake - speare and the wom - en
 now. Brush up your Shake - speare and the wom - en
 now. Brush up your Shake - speare and the wom - en

F D7 G7

do A - bout Nuss - ing.
Cor - i - o - la - nus.
Meas-ure for Meas - ure.

Brush up your Shake - speare
Brush up your Shake - speare
Brush up your Shake - speare

1.2.

F C7 F C7 F C7

and they'll all kow - tow.
and they'll all kow - tow.
and they'll all kow -

13.

F Gm7 C7 F G F/C

tow. For - sooth, and they'll all

C7 F G7 C7 F C7 F

kow - tow. I' faith, and they'll all kow - tow.

*Additional Lyrics:**Refrain 4:*

Brush up your Shakespeare,
Start quoting him now.
Brush up your Shakespeare
And the women you will wow.
Better mention “The Merchant of Venice”
When her sweet pound o’ flesh you would menace.
If her virtue, at first, she defends — well,
Just remind her that “All’s Well That Ends Well.”
And if still she won’t give you a bonus,
You know what Venus got from Adonis!
Brush up your Shakespeare
And they’ll all kowtow.

Refrain 5:

Brush up your Shakespeare,
Start quoting him now.
Brush up your Shakespeare
And the women you will wow.
If your goil is a Washington Heights dream,
Treat the kid to “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”
If she then wants an all-by-herself night,
Let her rest ev’ry ’leventh or “Twelfth Night.”
If because of your heat she gets huffy,
Simply play on and “Lay on, MacDuffy!”
Brush up your Shakespeare
And they’ll all kowtow.