



In 1929, as part of their score for an early "talkie" called Chasing Rainbows, Yellen and Ager wrote "Happy Days Are Here Again" to be sung by a group of American doughboys upon receiving news of the armistice. On the night of the Wall Street crash, before the film was released, the writers took the music to George Olsen, then leading his dance orchestra at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York. As the vocalist sang, the

Happy Days Are Here Again

Words by Jack Yellen

Music by Milton Ager

dispirited diners, according to Yellen, stopped what they were doing and "joined in sardonically, hysterically, like doomed prisoners on their way to the firing squad." The song was quickly picked up as a genuine rallying cry of the Depression years and, in 1932, became the official theme of Franklin D. Roosevelt's victorious campaign for the Presidency.

With a lift



The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is for the vocal part, with lyrics: "Hap py, Days Are", "Here A-gain! The skies a-bove are, clear, a-gain-", and "Let us sing a song of cheer a-gain, Hap - py". The middle staff is for the piano, showing chords and bass notes. The bottom staff is for the bassoon, also showing bass notes. The score includes various musical markings: dynamic (f), tempo (With a lift), and key changes (C, G Aug., G Aug., C, Cdim., G7). The vocal part uses a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some slurs and grace notes.

Chords indicated above the staff:

- Top staff: C, F, C
- Second staff: Gaug. (G major), C
- Third staff: C, G7
- Fourth staff: C dim.
- Fifth staff: C, F, C, F, Am6
- Sixth staff: E, B7, E, Gm6
- Bottom staff: E, B7, E, Gm6

Lyrics:

Days Are Here Again!
shout it now! There's no one who can
doubt it now, So let's tell the world a bout it now,
Hap - py Days Are Here Again!
Your *mp*
cares and trou - bles are gone;
There'll

be no more from now on.

mf

op

C **G aug.** **C**

Hap - py Days Are, Here, A - gain! The

Gaug. **C** **C dim.**

skies a - bove are, clear a - gain, Let us

G7

sing, a song of cheer a - gain, Hap - py

C **F** **C** **F** **C**

Days Are Here A - gain!