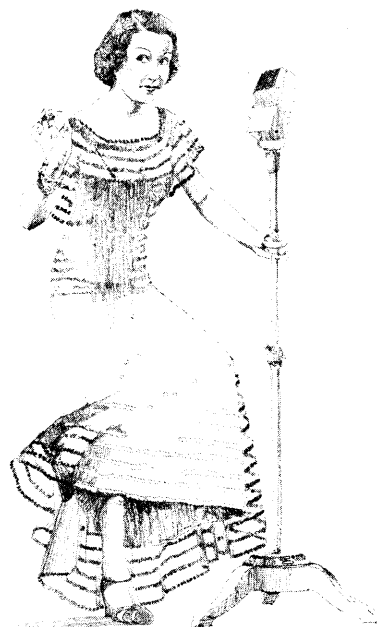


I Got Rhythm

from *Girl Crazy*

When on October 14, 1930, the opening night of *Girl Crazy*, Ethel Merman stepped to the footlights and belted out the Gershwin brothers' compelling announcement "I Got Rhythm," there was no question that a new Broadway star had been born. As the singer recalled, "On the second chorus I just held the 'I' . . . one long note . . . while the orchestra played the tune. The audience started clapping after about four bars, clapping, clapping, clapping, and they didn't stop till I'd done I don't know how many encores. It was like electricity."

Words by Ira Gershwin; Music by George Gershwin



Brightly

mf with humor

G6 Am7 D7 Bm7(no 5th) Bbdim Am7 D7-5 G G/F

I got rhy - thm; I got mu - sic; I got
I got dais - ies In green pas - tures; I got

C/E Cm6/Eb G/D D7 1. G 2. G

my man; Who could ask for an-y-thing more?
my man; Who could ask for an-y-thing more?

B7 E7 A7

Old Man Trou-ble, I don't mind him. You won't

E $\flat$ 9-5 6fr. D9 5fr. G6 Am7 D7

find him Round my door. I got star-light;

Bm7(no 5th) B $\flat$ dim Am7 D7-5 G6 Am7 D7

I got sweet dreams; I got my man; Who could

G Dm/F E7 A7 D7 G

ask for an-y-thing more? Who could ask for an-y-thing more?