

THE OLD PIANO ROLL BLUES

This old-timey honky-tonk tune isn't really so old-timey at all. New Jerseyite Cy ("Sweet Violets") Coben wrote it in 1949, and it hit the charts the next year, thanks to recordings by Hoagy Carmichael and Cass Daley and boogie-woogie pianist Lawrence Cook. One interesting side effect: the tune spurred a fad for player pianos and a glut of such nostalgic ditties as "Music! Music! Music!" and "Dearie."

Moderate ragtime tempo (♩ played as $\overline{\text{♩}^3\text{♩}}$)

Words and Music by Cy Coben

rink - i - ty tink — and we hear plink - i - ty plink —

we cud-dle clos-er it seems. And while we kiss, kiss, kiss a -

way all our cares, — the play-er pian-o's play-in' razz-a-ma-tazz. I wan-na

hear it a - gain, — I wan-na hear it a - gain, — The Old Pi-an-o Roll Blues. —

1. I wan-na

2.

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