

# Tea for Two



Words by Irving Caesar

*"A dummy lyric" is a temporary set of words put together to help lyricists work out a song's metric form and rhyme scheme. "Tea for Two" may be a classic, but it still uses the dummy lyric Caesar dashed off hurriedly one night. The cheerful number was added to the 1924 musical No, No, Nanette.*

Music by Vincent Youmans

*mf Rather rapidly*

*rall.*

*Moderately*

Gm7 C7 Gm7 C7 Fmaj7 F6 Fmaj7 F6 Gm7 C7

Pic - ture you up - on my knee, Just Tea For Two and two for tea, Just me. for you and

*mp*

Gm7 C7 Fmaj7 Gm7 Am7 Bbmaj7 Bm7 E7 Bm7 E7

you for me a - lone. No - bod - y near us to see us or hear us, No

A maj7 A6 Amaj7 A6 Bm7 E7

friends or re - la - tions on week - end va - ca - tions, We won't have it known, dear, that

Bm7 ← 7 fr. E7 ← 5 fr. Amaj7 ← 5 fr. C7 Gm7 C7  
 we own a tele - phone, dear. Day will break and  
 mp

Gm7 C7 Fmaj7 F6 Fmaj7 F6 Gm7 C7  
 you'll a-wake And start to bake a sug - ar cake For me to take for

Gm7 C7 Am7-5 D7-9  
 all the boys to see.

mf

Bb6 Am7-5 Cm7 F#dim. A dim. Gm7 Bbm maj7 Eb9 ← 6 fr.  
 ← 10 fr. ← 8 fr. ← 6 fr. ← 5 fr. ← 8 fr. ← 6 fr. ← 5 fr. ← 6 fr.

We will raise a fam - i ly, A boy for you, A girl for me, Oh  
 mf

F/A bass Ab dim add E Gm7 C7 F6 Eb9 Gb9 F6 add 9  
 ← 6 fr. ← 5 fr. ← 6 fr. ← 9 fr. ← 8 fr.

can't you see how hap - py we would be?  
 rall.

## *Tea for two*

I'm discontented with homes that are rented so I have invented my own.

Darling this place is a lover's oasis where life's weary chase is unknown.

Far from the cry of the city, where flowers pretty caress the streams, Cozy to hide in, to love side-by-side in. Don't let it abide in my dreams.

Picture you upon my knee, just tea for two and two for tea,  
Just me for you and you for me, alone!  
Nobody near us, to see us or hear us,  
No friends or relations on weekend vacations,  
We won't have it known, dear, that we have a telephone, dear.  
Day will break and you'll awake and start to bake  
A sugar cake for me to take for all the boys to see.  
We will raise a family, a boy for you, a girl for me,  
Oh, can't you see how happy life would be?

You are revealing a plan so appealing I can't help but falling for you,  
Darling, I planned it; can't you understand it is yours to command it,  
so do.

All of your schemes I'm admiring, they're worth desiring but can't you see,  
I'd like to wait there for some future date dear;  
it won't be too late, dear, for me.

Picture you upon my knee, just tea for two and two for tea,  
Just me for you and you for me, alone!  
Nobody near us, to see us or hear us,  
No friends or relations on weekend vacations,  
We won't have it known, dear, that we have a telephone, dear.  
Day will break and you'll awake and start to bake  
A sugar cake for me to take for all the boys to see.  
We will raise a family, a boy for you, a girl for me,  
Oh, can't you see how happy life would be?