

# BOOT-BLACK RAG

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The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. The first system is marked *mf* and the second system is marked *p*. The music is in 2/4 time and features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, with a steady bass line in the left hand. A repeat sign is present at the end of the second system, with the instruction "Till ready." written above it.

The first system shows the vocal line with the lyrics: "Ev - er have a shoe shine, One that made you feel fine, Have a reg'lar boot-black put a". The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "When he shines the leather, Feel light as a feath-er, Bound to make you happy, as your". The piano accompaniment is marked *p* and features a steady bass line with some melodic movement in the right hand.

The first system shows the vocal line with the lyrics: "shine up - on your shoes. You can feel the mus - ic rushing, Keep - ing time while he's a - brushing,". The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "feet so good they feel, And all care he will de - mol - ish, As he's right there with the pol - ish,". The piano accompaniment is marked *p* and features a steady bass line with some melodic movement in the right hand.

If you lis - ten to it, It will drive a - way the blues, Your trouble will di - min - ish,  
 When he plays his so - lo You know that he's not a heel, The "glooms" go dis - ap - pear - ing, The

When he starts the fin - ish. All the time he's shin - ing The tune it does - n't drag; A  
 "joys" they all are fear - ing. Ev - 'ry thing gets brighter, The brushes nev - er lag, No

Mus - ic Mas - ter, dub him, With a piece of cloth he's rub - bin', Playing "sole" - ful, mus - ic with the  
 time for dull re - pin - ing, He's a reg - 'lar star at shin - ing, Keep "in step," There's mus - ic in that

CHORUS.

Boot - black rag. Get a shine,.... Get a shine,.... Hear then play that Boot - black  
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rag, ..... Get a shine,..... Get a shine,..... Your feet will nev - er

drag, ..... You can feel the grand - est mus - ic that you nev - er felt be - fore, And

if your shoes are shine'd you'll feel like dancing all the more; Oh, babe, just hear that mus - ic