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NOBODY KNOWS WHAT A RED-HEAD MAMMA CAN DO

as sung by Classic Collection

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Arrangement by DENNIS DRISCOLL

Verse

Tenor Lead

1 2 3 $F\flat = E\sharp$

Stop! Look! Lis - ten to me! An - y - bod - y seen my gal?—

Bari Bass

4 5 6

Just look what Look what she did to me, —

Just look what

$F\flat = E\sharp$ 7 8 9 7

and I thought she was a pal! — Next gal

The ver - y next gal

The ver - y next gal

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10 11 12

I go and get, — she must be blonde or brun-ette. —

I know she must be

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of musical notation, measures 10 through 12. It is written for a piano accompaniment in 8/8 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). Measure 10 starts with a treble staff entry and includes the lyrics 'I go and get, —'. Measure 11 continues the accompaniment with the lyrics 'she must be'. Measure 12 concludes the system with the lyrics 'blonde or brun-ette. —'. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment throughout.

13 14 15

Red-head gals — may be O. K., — but I am here to

rit.

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of musical notation, measures 13 through 15. The piano accompaniment continues in the same style. Measure 13 has the lyrics 'Red-head gals —'. Measure 14 has 'may be O. K., —'. Measure 15 has 'but I am here to'. The system ends with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking above the final notes.

16 17 18

say, I'll say: No - bod - y knows — what a red - head mam - ma can

Chorus *a tempo*

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of musical notation, measures 16 through 18. Measure 16 has the lyrics 'say, I'll say:'. Measure 17 has 'No - bod - y knows —'. Measure 18 has 'what a red - head mam - ma can'. Above measure 16, the word 'Chorus' is written in bold, followed by '*a tempo*' in italics. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent rhythmic pattern.

19 20 21

do, do, do, do, do, do, do. — Give her a heart — made of

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of musical notation, measures 19 through 21. Measure 19 has the lyrics 'do, do, do, do, do, do, do. —'. Measure 20 has 'do, do, do, do, do, do, do. —'. Measure 21 has 'Give her a heart — made of'. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent rhythmic pattern.

22 23 24

rock, she'll break it in two, two, right in two.

25 26 27

There's no doubt that she's got a con - science and a

28 29 30

mind, but when she steps out, she

I'm tell - in' you, but when

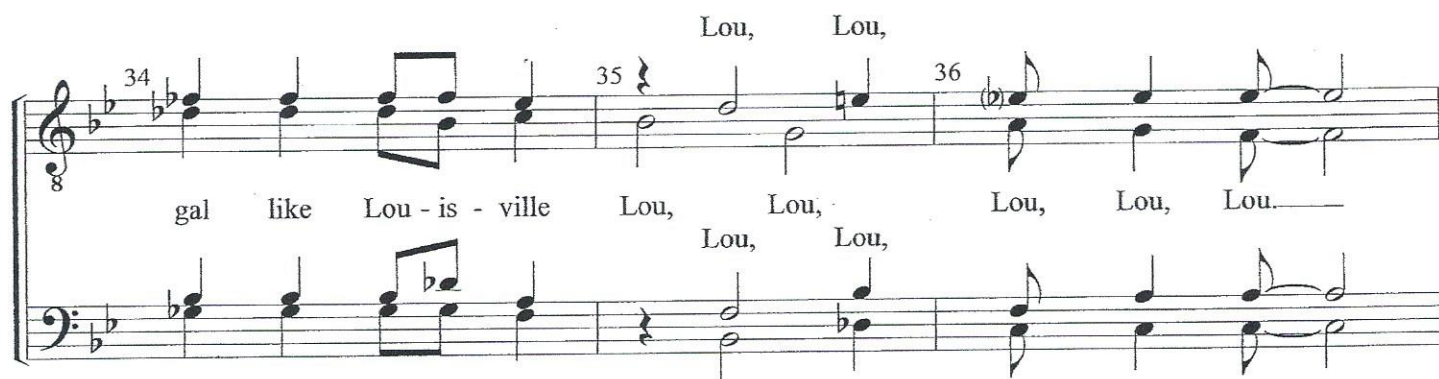
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leaves them both be - hind. She can draw rings 'round a

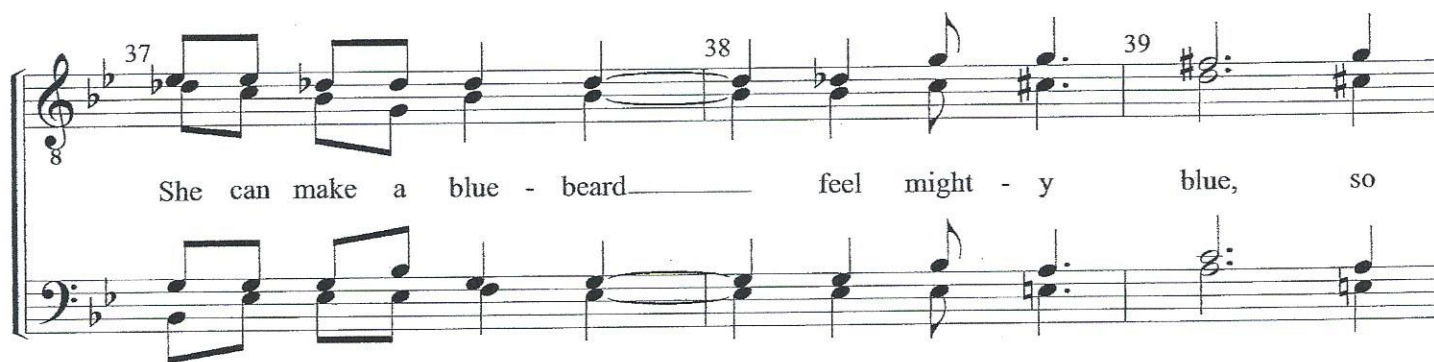
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Lou, Lou,

34 gal like Lou - is - ville 35 Lou, Lou, 36 Lou, Lou, Lou.



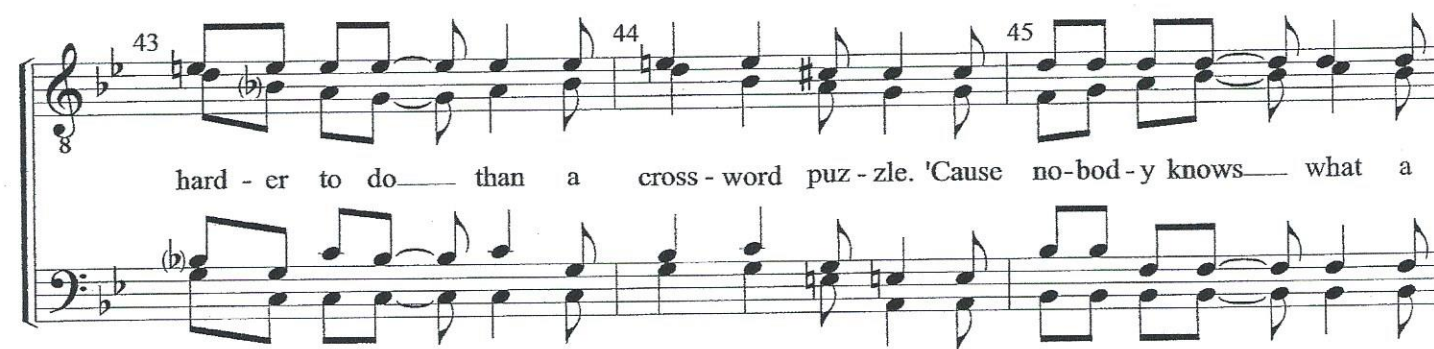
37 She can make a blue - beard 38 feel might - y 39 blue, so



40 blue. 41 To keep her from talk - ing 42 with - out a muz - zle is



43 hard - er to do — than a cross - word puz - zle. 'Cause no - bod - y knows — what a



46 47 48

red - head mam-ma can do, do, do, do, do.

do, do,

Reprise

49 50 51

She can draw rings 'round a gal like Hard Heart-ed Han-nah, the vamp of Sa -

52 53 54

- van-nah, G. A. Just to see 'em suf-fer is her de-light they

55 56 57

say. Now, you take a wo-man who

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58 is red-head-ed, if you got what she wants, she's gon-na get it. 'Cause

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61 no-bod-y knows what a red-head mam-ma can, Red-head, Red -

62 Red-head, Red -

63 Red-head, Red -

- head,

64 ev-'ry-bod-y loves Red - head. Tag

65

66 She's

- head,

67 my heart-break-er, I'm her mine!

68

69 gon-na make her, don't you take her, my-

heart - break - er, I'm gon - na make her mine!

Performance Notes

Sammy Fain (1902-1989) was one of America's most prolific popular-song composers. Some of his songs that Barbershoppers have enjoyed singing over the years are *Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella*, *That Old Feeling* and *I'll Be Seeing You*. Fain also had over 30 musical films to his credit and was nominated for the Academy Award for best song nine times. He won twice, with *Secret Love* and *Love Is a Many Splendored Thing*.

Al Dubin (1891-1945) was a Swiss-born lyricist who collaborated with a number of songwriters throughout his career. His greatest claim to fame was the 1933 musical film **42nd Street**, which was later adapted as a Broadway musical. It won a Tony award for best musical in 1981.

Irving Mills (1894-1985) was a popular-song and jazz-music publisher. In 1919 he and his brother he founded Mills Music Co., which became the largest independent music-publishing house in the world. Not a musician himself, Mills had a strong poetic streak and collaborated with musicians such as Duke Ellington and Sammy Fain to create a number of memorable songs, among them *Mood Indigo*, *Straighten Up and Fly Right* and *It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)*.

Dennis Driscoll has been arranging for the Barbershop Harmony Society since the mid-1960s. His published arrangements include *April Showers*, *Mandy*, *Minnie the Mermaid* and many others. This particular arrangement was introduced by the **Classic Collection**, 1982 international quartet champion.

Of this particular arrangement Dennis says, "This is an ideal song for Barbershoppers who love harmonic variety. Try counting the number of seventh chords and their duration! The piece should be sung robustly, with verve and conviction. Stay in tempo except, of course, at the fermatas."

As a final note: Questions about the suitability of this or any other song/arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest rules. Ask *before* you sing.