

I DON'T UNDERSTAND RAG-TIME.

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Moderato.

mf

Slower.

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Till ready.

1. There's a swell pi - an - ist living in Coon - town, He's a
2. He was hired to play at a rag - time dance, From

thor - ough bass schol - ar, you see; He calls him - self a
nine till half past four; When asked to play a

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great pro - fes-sor, And a play - er of high de - gree. He
rag - quad - rille, He played Il Tro - va - tore. One

ev - en wears long bush - y naps, That coon's head looks a
black gal said, "Please cut that out, And play some real rag-

fright! His terms are a - bove the u - nion price, He
time! This coon said, "Me play such low trash? Not

wants a doz-en dol-lars a night! He says my mu-sic-al
guilt - - y of the crime! He said I had no

ed - u - ca - tion Is some - thing that's sub - lime, And I don't play that
ex - pect - a - tion To be slurred this way to - night, As I don't play no

syn - co - pa - tion The coons all call rag - time! All high - class march - es,
syn - co - pa - tion, Such mu - sic is too light! Now I aint played no

pol - kas, and ma - zur - kas, Is the kind of stuff I play! And
rough coon - songs Nor rag - time tunes as yet, And

if he's asked to play rag - time, This dark - ey sure will say: -
if I play for you's a - gain, You japs must not for - get: -

CHORUS.

"I don't un-derstand rag-time, It's nothing but trash to me!....."

p-f

I play clas-si-cal mu-sic, Such as Wag-ner's "Sweet Ma-rie!".....

I play all the grand operas, And mu-sic too high for coons; Such as,

1. "Star Spangled Banner," and "Home Sweet Home," But I don't play ragtime tunes." 2. *D.S.* *fz* *D.S.*