

# Mack the Knife

The Firehouse Jazz Band

This is one of those musically dull tunes which bores the band to tears, but the general public really likes. Smile as you play it and they'll hire you again next year!

Kurt Weill - 1928

From German "Three Penny Opera".

English lyrics: Marc Blitzstein

Rec: Dick Hyman Trio 1959, Bobby Darin (#1 Chart Record) 1959, Ella Fitzgerald 1960, Earl "Fatha" Hines 1972, Kid Thomas & His Algiers Stompers 1961, Louis Armstrong, etc.

## Concert Pitch

Musical score for "Mack the Knife" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of four staves of music with various chords indicated above the notes. The chords are: F7, B $\flat$ , Cm7, Cm7, F7, B $\flat$ , Gm7, Gdim7, Cm7, Cm7, F7, B $\flat$ , Bdim, Cm7, F7.

1. Oh the shark has - pretty teeth, Dear,  
and he keeps them - pearly white.  
Just a jackknife - has Mac Heath, Dear,  
but he keeps it - out of sight.
2. When the shark bites - with his teeth, Dear,  
scarlet billows - start to spread.  
Fancy gloves tho' - wears Mac Heath, Dear,  
so there's not - a trace of red.
3. On the sidewalk - Sunday morning,  
lies a body - oozing life.  
Someone sneakin' - 'round the corner,  
could that someone - be Mack the Knife?
4. From a tugboat - by the river,  
a cement bag's - dropping down.  
The cement's just - for the weight, Dear,  
bet you Mackie's - back in town.
5. Louie Miller - disappeared, Dear,  
after drawing - out his cash.  
And Mac Heath spends - like a sailor,  
did our boy - do something rash?
6. Sukey Tawdry - Jenny Diver,  
Polly Peachum - Lucy Brown.  
Oh, the line forms - on the right, Dear,  
bet you Mackie's - back in town!