

Rufe Johnson's Harmony Band

The Firehouse Jazz Band

Shelton Brooks & Maurice Abrahams-1914

Brooks wrote "Darktown Strutter's Ball" 1917,

"Some of These Days" 1910, etc.

Song recorded by Arthur Collins & Byron Harlan.

Collins was novelty & dialect singer who specialized in "coon" songs during 'teens and early '20's.

Concert Pitch

Verse

A E^b F[#]7 Edim B^b7 E^b F[#]7 Edim B^b7

Rufe John - son leads a band, He's one grand lead - er man,
When he comes down the street, The peo - ple shake their feet,

E^b G^bdim Fm⁶ B^b7 E^b G^bdim Fm⁶ B^b7

Down in Sa - van - nah, Down in Sa - van - nah.
They all keep sway - ing, While Rufe is play - ing.

B Fm C⁷ Fm C⁷

He real - ly can't be beat, Plays rag - time mu - sic sweet,
Old Rufe can't read a note, but he will get your goat,

F⁷ Cm⁷ F⁷ B^b Cm C[#]dim B^b/D B^b

Down in Sa - van - nah G. A. _____ When
When he plays 'Man - ci - pa - tion Day. _____ The

B^b B⁷ B^b Adim B^b B^b7

they par - ade each hol - i - day, You'll hear the peo - ple say:
horse and mules they act like fools, You al - most hear them say: