

When The Midnight Choo-Choo Leaves For Alabam'

The Firehouse Jazz Band

Irving Berlin - 1912

Rec: Arthur Collins & Byron Harlan (popular artists who specialized in "Coon songs") 1913, The Victor Military Band 1913, Bob Scobey's Frisco Jazz Band (voc: Clancy Hayes) 1955, etc.

Concert Pitch

Verse:

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is accompanied by a series of chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Chords: A, Eb, Bb+, Eb, Bb+, Eb, Eb, Ab, Abm, Eb, Eb, Bb+, Eb, E°, F7, Bb, Bb°, Bb, Bb7, F7, Bb7, Bb°, Bb7.

Lyrics:

I've had a might-y bu-sy day, I've had to pack my things a - way. Now I'll
 The minute that I reach the place, I'm goin' to ov - er - feed my face, 'Cause I
 give the land-lord back his rust - y key, The ver - y key, That opened
 hav - n't had a good meal since the day I went a - way. I'm goin' to
 up my drear-y flat, Where ma - ny wear - y nights I sat, Think - ing
 kiss my Pa and Ma, a doz - en times for ev - 'ry star, Shin - ing
 of the folks down home who think of me. That is
 o - ver Al - a - ba - ma's new mown hay. I'll be
 why you'll hear me sing - ing mer - ri - ly; When that
 glad e - nough to throw my - self a - way.