

Winnie the Moocher

The Firehouse Jazz Band

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Concert Pitch

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Rec: Cab Calloway (#1 Chart Record) 1931,
Danny Kaye 1942, Adelaide Hall, etc.

Now here's a sto - ry 'bout Min - nie the Mooch - er. She was a low - down hooch - y cooch - er.
She messed a - round wid a bloke named Smok - ey. She loved him tho he was a "cok - ey".

She was the rough - est, tough - est frail, But Min - nie had a heart as big as a whale. Ho de
He took he down to Chi - na - town, And showed her how to kick the gong a - round. Hi de

ho de ho, Rah de dah de dah, Tee - dle
hi de hi, Ree de dah de doo, Bo - dle

dee de dee, Ho de ho de ho.
dah do dah, Ho de ho de ho. 2. She

3. She had a dream 'bout the King of Sweden,
He gave her things that she was needin'.
Gave her a home built of gold and steel,
A platinum car with diamond-studded wheels.
Wah de woo de way, Oh baby,
Doh de dee de doh, Ho de ho de ho.

4. He gave her his town house and racing horses,
Each meal she ate was a dozen courses.
She had a million dollars in nickels and dimes,
And ev'ry day she counted 'em a million times.
Bee de doo de dow, Oh Minnie,
Wa de wa de doo, Ho de ho de ho.

5. Now Min' and Smokey they started jaggin',
They got a free ride in a wagon.
She gave him the money to pay her bail,
But he left her flat in the County Jail.
Skee de doo de dee, Skah de dah de dah,
Skow de dow de dow, Ho de ho de ho.

6. Poor Minnie met Old Deacon Low-down,
He preached to her she ought to slow down.
But Minnie wiggled her jelly roll,
Deacon Low-down hollered "Oh, save my soul!"
Yip i yip i ay, Ump i dump i dah,
Yah de dah de do, Ho de ho de ho.

7. They took her where they put the crazies,
Now poor old Min' is kickin' up daisies.
You've heard my story, this ends the song,
She was just a good gal but they done her wrong.
Whoop ee doop ee dah, Hi de hi de hi,
Skid a ma rinky dee, Ho de ho de ho.