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Moderato

The piano introduction is in 2/4 time, marked Moderato. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

Ev - 'ry - bod - y pit - ied Mis - ter
At the hos - pit - al where Ras - tus

The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, and quarter notes D5, C5, B4, and A4. The piano accompaniment features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

Ras - tus Brown, Some of them would laugh, while some of them would frown, His
lay in bed, All the doc - tors used to feel and rub his head,

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head was ver - y ha - zy, And folks said he was cra - zy, They
Ras - tus kept on cry - ing, "Now hon - est, I am dy - ing? Just

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sent him to a hos-pit-al in town. — The doc-tors asked him, "Rastus have you
let me have one rag be-fore I'm dead?" — Then Doc-tor Jones he went and sent for

got a pain?" — They went and tried a lit-tle X-Ray
his pet nurse — He said, "Go put a rag a-round his

on his brain; — But none of them could find, the
head, he's worse?" — But Ras-tus shook his head, and

trou-ble with his mind, Till Brown spoke up and said "I will ex-plain!" —
yelled out from his bed, "That ain't the kind of rag I want, dear nurse!" —

CHORUS

I've got a Rag-time bee— in my bon - - net— it's goin' to

stay there! I've got a rag-time germ— lay - ing

on— it— just let it lay— there—

When the germ be-gins to tic-kle my poor brain, That's the time I crave for an-y

rag - time strain— That re - lieves— my tired and wear - y

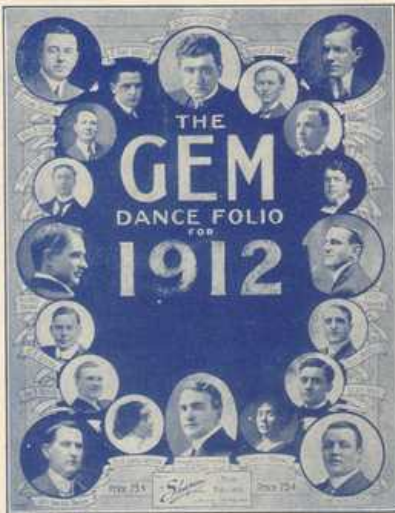
brain; — Oh! you lov - ing Rag - I've got a rag-time bee - in my

bon - - net — That I won't de - ny, so,

If you want to cure me, doc - tor un - der - stand - Just you go and get a noi - sy

rag-time band - I've got a rag-time bee - in my old bon - net, hope it

stays there till — I die. — I've got a die. —



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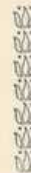
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