

# I Must Write a Song

[aka George & Ira Gershwin Special Song #45]

Music and Lyrics by  
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**EASY BALLAD IN 2**

**RITARD**

**TEMPO**

**\* SEE NOTE**

I MUST WRITE A SONG — IT-LL BE A POP-U-LAR SONG — BE-

CAUSE — IT-LL BE-A-BOUT YOU

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EASY BALLAD IN 2

Handwritten musical notation for the piano introduction. It consists of four measures. The first measure is a whole rest. The second and third measures contain a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The fourth measure is marked with a box containing the word "RITARD" and contains a final cadence with a sharp sign in the right hand.

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Handwritten musical notation for the first line of the song. The vocal line is on a single staff with lyrics: "I MUST WRITE A SONG — IT —'LL BE A POP — U — LAR SONG — BE —". The piano accompaniment is on two staves. A box labeled "TEMPO" is placed above the first measure of the piano part.

Handwritten musical notation for the second line of the song. The vocal line is on a single staff with lyrics: "CAUSE — IT —'LL BE — A — BOY — YOU —". The piano accompaniment is on two staves. There are handwritten notes in the piano part, including a sharp sign and the number "400".

HOW CAN I GO WRONG — IN-TRO-DUCING YOU IN A SONG? 'T WILL

LAST — ALL THE CENTURIES THROUGH —

NOTHING I DO SURE-LY COULD RUN IN IT —

IF THERE'S A TINY SEM-BLANCE THERE OF YOU IN IT —

ALL THE WORLD WILL THROUG my DOOR-WAY TO HEAR THAT SONG — BE —

CAUSE — IT 'LL BE A-BOOT YOU. —

**RITARD**

~~\* NOTE: ACCORDING TO LAWRENCE STEWART:  
TRA WANTED THE "BECAUSE" TO BE  
RHYTHMICALLY ACCENTED "LIKE A HEN  
PECKING".~~

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