

I Want to Marry a Marionette

(Intended for *Treasure Girl*)

Music and Lyrics by
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Allegretto

Piano *mf*

p *legato* *mf* *Boys*

MEN ARE SO DIF-FI-CULT TO HAN-DLE! — YOU HAVE-NT

MET THE RIGHT ONE YET, HAVE-NT TRIED TO GET THE RIGHT ONE YET —

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Allegretto'. The piano part starts with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The vocal part enters with a piano (p) dynamic and a legato instruction. The lyrics are: 'MEN ARE SO DIF-FI-CULT TO HAN-DLE! — YOU HAVE-NT MET THE RIGHT ONE YET, HAVE-NT TRIED TO GET THE RIGHT ONE YET —'. The score is written in 4/4 time and features a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal line is a single melody line with lyrics written below it.

Solo

Boys

KISS ONE AND SUD-DEN-LY THERE'S SCAN-DAL! — OH NO! WE

legato

NEV-ER TELL A THING! WELL, WE HARD-LY EV-ER TELL A THING —

ON OUR BEND-ED KNEE-ZES WE PROM-ISE TO BE TRUE! —

Solo

I'VE HEARD THOSE OLD WHEEZ-ES; MEN WILL NEV-ER DO

Refrain

Refrain (Chorus)

(Mention Sadler's Chorus)

I WANT TO MAR-RY A MAR-I-O-NEITE

THEN I'D HAVE MY SAY, HE'D DO AS I SAY



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I THINK I'LL TAR-RY UN- TIL WE HAVE MET

HE WON'T BE MOOD-Y, I'LL BE HIS JUD-Y. IF

I SHOULD MAR-RY DICK OR HAR-RY, AL-WAYS WED BE WRAN- GLING;

WHY TAKE CHAN-CES ON RO-MAN-CES BOUND TO BE EN-TAN-GLING?

I WANT TO MAR-RY A MAR-I-O-NETTE — SO'S

I CAN KEEP HIM ON A STRING



II II.

STRING — STRING —

pp

I WANT TO MARRY A MARIONETTE

Ann. Men are so difficult to handle

Boys: You haven't met the right one yet;
Haven't tried to get the right one yet.

Ann: Kiss one, and suddenly there's scandal!

Boys: Oh no! we'd never tell a thing!
Well, we'd hardly ever tell a thing.

Boys: On our bended knees
We promise we'll be true.

Ann: I've heard those old wheezes;
Men will never do!

Refrain

I want to marry a marionette -
Then I'd have my say,
He'd do as I say.
I think I'll tarry until we have met -
He won't be moody -
I'll be his Judy.

If I should marry Dick or Harry always we'd be wrangling;
Why take chances on romances bound to be entangling?
I want to marry a marionette,
So's I can keep him on a string.