

Yellow Blues

[aka George and Ira Gershwin Special Song #42; Impromptu in Two Keys]

Music and Lyrics by

George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin

2 Keys!

The image displays a handwritten musical score for the piece 'Yellow Blues'. The score is written on six systems of staves. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is written in a style characteristic of the Gershwin brothers, with complex rhythmic patterns and frequent key changes. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings. The piece is marked '2 Keys!' at the top left, indicating a change in key signature. The score is a piano accompaniment, as indicated by the 'p.p.p.' marking in the first system.

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Original lyric to unpublished tune written
in 1928 for East is West (unproduced). Lyric
discarded and tune published as piano piece in
1973 under the title "Impromptu in Two Keys."

Life is never mellow
When you have got the yellow blues;
Most unlucky fellow
Is he who has the yellow blues.
People always cheat you
Of happiness and beat you down.
Seems to be no doubt of
The fact they want you out of town.

Yellow man was king of many ages,
Left his magic on the sands of time;
Wrote his wisdom all thru history's pages,
Yet he's treated like a plugged up dime.

Yellow seems a color
That gives to life a duller tone,
And makes me moan:
There's no good news
When you have got the yellow blues.