

The Best Man
Words & Music by Roy Alfred & Fred Wise
Recorded by Nat King Cole, 1946

Intro Verse:

D D9 Dsus4 D E E7/9 E E7
I guess I've got a heart meant for fooling around with chicks,
A G/B A7 D Cdim A7
'Cause in that love department, I know all the ladies' tricks.
F#7 Bm F#7 Bm
Now I ran across a girl one day, she was as sharp as a girl could be,
E Bm7-5 Cdim E A G/B A7
And I wasn't surprised to hear her say that she really went for me.

Refrain:

Edim A7 D F#m G Edim D
She said I was the best man who ever knocked on her door;
Edim A7 Dalt D G Edim D
She said I was the best man, the fella she'd waited for.
D7 G Gm D Gdim D
She said I was the best man at dancing, and nobody can deny
Cdim E Cdim A Bm7-5 A G/B Cm7-5 A7
That when it came to romancin' I was the A-plus number one guy.
Edim A7 D F#m G Edim D
But then she met my best friend and knocked him right off his pins,
Edim A7 Dalt D G6 Cdim G6
But still I wasn't worried, 'cause the best man always wins.
D7 G G/F# D6/9/F# Em7
The way it all turned out, there was no doubt
D F#m B7
That I was best man in the end;
Cdim E7/9 Edim A7 D
Yes, I was the best man when she married my best friend.

Instrumental interlude: first half of refrain

Repeat Second Half of Refrain

Coda:

D7 G5 G6 Fdim D
So don't you think you're best til you pass the test
D7 C#m7-5 B7
And you know all the ladies' tricks,
E7/9 Bm7-5 E7/9 Cdim
'Cause you'll wind up as the best man

A Edim D

While the other guy gets the chicks.