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### Strip Polka

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(Johnny Mercer)

There's a burlesque theater where the boys like to go  
To see Queenie, the cutie of the burlesque show  
And the thrill of the evening is when out Queenie trips  
And the band plays the polka while she strips.

cho 1: "Take it off! Take it off!"

All the customers shout,

"Down in front! Down in front!"

While the band beats it out;

But she's always a lady, even in pantomime

And she stops...and always just in time.

She's as fresh and as wholesome as the flowers of May  
And she hopes to retire to a farm some day,  
But you can't buy a farm unless you're up in the chips  
So the band plays the polka while she strips.

Queenie, some day you'll fall.

Some day, wedding bells will chime

In strip polka time.

Well, she hates corny waltzes and she hates the gavotte  
But the greatest advantage when the music's hot:  
There's a fast-moving exit in case something r-r-rips  
So the band plays the polka while she strips.

cho 2: "Take it off! Take it off!"

Cries a voice from the rear,

"Take it off! Take it off!"

Soon that's all you can hear;

But she's always a lady, even in pantomime

And she stops...and always just in time.

Note: popular circa 1940-41. Andrews Sisters, I think. RG