

The Darktown Strutters' Ball-Shelton Brooks (1917)

1. Ive got some good news, Honey,
An invitation to the Darktown Ball,
Its a very swell affair,
All the highbrows will be there,
Ill wear my high silk hat and my frock tail coat,
You wear your Paris gown, and your new silk shawl,
There aint no doubt about it babe,
Well be the best dressed in the ball.

CHORUS [sung twice after each VERSE]
Ill be down to get you in a Taxi honey
You better be ready about halfpast eight,
Now dearie, dont be late,
I want to be there when the band starts playing
Remember when we get there, Honey,
The two steps Im goin to have em all,
Goin to dance out both my shoes:
When they play the Jelly Roll Blues
Tomorrow night, at the Darktown Strutters Ball.

2. Well meet our hightoned neighbors,
An exhibition of the Baby Dolls,
And each one will do their best,
Just to outclass all the rest,
And therell be dancers from evry foreign land,
The classic, buck and wing, and the wooden clog:
Well win that fifty dollar prize,
When we step out and Walk the Dog.