

THE REAL AMERICAN FOLK SONG (Is A Rag)*

Lyrics by IRA GERSHWIN

Music by GEORGE GERSHWIN

Allegretto



C G7+ C G7+ C Fm6

Near Bar - ce - lo - na the peas - ant croons The old tra - di - tion - al
You may dis - like, or you may a - dore, The na - tive songs from a

The first vocal line is in 6/8 time, marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). It features a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, and a piano accompaniment in the left hand with eighth notes and rests.

C Fm6 C Cmaj7 Am7 Cdim

Span - ish tunes; The Ne - a - pol - i - tan Street Song sighs, You
for - eign shore; They may be songs that you can't for - get, They

The second vocal line continues the melody in 6/8 time, marked *mp*. It includes a piano accompaniment in the left hand with eighth notes and rests.

Em B7 Em G7 C G7+

think of I - tal - ian skies. Each na - tion has a cre -
may be dis - tinc - tive, yet They lack a some - thing, a

The third vocal line continues the melody in 6/8 time, marked *mp*. It includes a piano accompaniment in the left hand with eighth notes and rests.

Written for "Ladies First" (1918)
The first George and Ira Gershwin collaboration used in a Broadway show