

That Old Gang Of Mine

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Slow Ballad Tempo

Piano introduction in B-flat major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melody with a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking at the end. The left hand provides a bass line with a 'f' (forte) dynamic marking.

Vamp

VOICE

I've got a
Last night I

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first phrase. The piano part includes markings for 'colla voce' and dynamics 'f' and 'mf'. The vocal line is on a single staff.

long - in' way down in my heart. —
strolled to that old neigh - bor - hood, —

For that old gang that has
There on that cor - ner I

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second phrase. The piano part continues with a steady accompaniment.

drift - ed a - part. —
si - lent - ly stood, —

They were the best pals that I ev - er had, —
I felt so blue as the crowds hur - ried by, —

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third phrase. The piano part concludes with a final chord.

rall.

I nev - er thought that I'd want them so bad
 No - bo - dy knew how I want - ed to cry

The first system of the score features a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo marking 'rall.' is placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are: 'I nev - er thought that I'd want them so bad' and 'No - bo - dy knew how I want - ed to cry'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

CHORUS

Gee but I'd give the world to see that old

The second system of the score continues the chorus. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Gee but I'd give the world to see that old'. The piano accompaniment includes a double bar line at the beginning, indicating the start of a new musical phrase.

gang of mine I can't for-get that

The third system of the score continues the chorus. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'gang of mine I can't for-get that'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

old quar - tette that sang "Sweet Ad - e - line"

The fourth system of the score concludes the chorus. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'old quar - tette that sang "Sweet Ad - e - line"'. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord.

gang of mine of mine

colla voce

ff

1. 2.

but I'd give the world to see that old

mf

bye - for - ever - old sweet-hearts and pals - (God bless them) Gee

Good - bye - for - ev - er old fel-lows and gals, - Good -

THAT OLD GANG OF MINE

RECITATION

By
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Last night 'neath a street lamp I silently stood,
On the same corner back in that old neighborhood.
As I gazed at the houses, unchanged by the years,
In my throat came a lump, and my eyes filled with tears.
I looked at the lamppost, the pump and the stoop.
And again I could picture us kids in a group;
There was Shorty, and Yeller and Skinny and Mike,
And the rich kid who had ballbearing skates and a bike.
And down near the school I could see the brick wall,
Where we used to go for a game of handball,
And the crabby old Janitor who chased us away,
Say, what wouldn't I give just to see him today!

And then came the parties and dances—that's why,
We didn't notice the years going by,
And the first thing we knew, we were all twenty-one,
But the Gang stuck together, in fight or in fun.
—And then came the War—the crowds in the street,
—The blast of the Bugle—the tramp of the feet,
And the Gang, THAT OLD GANG OF MINE,
Was the first Gang that hit the Von Hindenburg line.

But the war is all over, and last night as I stood,
On the same corner back in that old neighborhood,
I couldn't help brushing a tear from my eye,
For I knew not a face in the crowds that went by.
Gone forever are the pals that I love,
There isn't a trace or a sign
Of that regular, honest to goodness old bunch,
That I call THAT OLD GANG OF MINE.

NOTE: The above recitation is to be delivered while the melody of two choruses is being played.
At the end of the recitation, sing the last line of the chorus, as follows:
Gee, But I'd give the world to see, THAT OLD GANG OF MINE.