

THE OLD MAID'S BALL



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Moderato.

Introduction for piano, marked *f* (forte). The music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major, and consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with a grand staff bracket. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first line of lyrics. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the grand staff. The tempo is *Moderato*. The lyrics are: "Talk a - bout your fun - ny Eve - ry bod - y in the". The piano part is marked *mf* (mezzo-forte) and includes the instruction "Till ready." above the first measure.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second line of lyrics. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the grand staff. The lyrics are: "mas-quer - ades, hall was asked, Talk a - bout your fun - ny Not to laugh and say it".

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look-ing braids, Did you hear of the four old maids,
was a task, What I thought was a fun-ny mask,

Who gave a fan-cy ball, Old maids gath-ered there from
Turned out to be a face, Some one came to me and

eve-ry town, Each one dressed up in a
put me wise, Fif-ty dol-lars was the

fun-ny gown, I was asked to go and
stand-ing prize, To the one who had a

so I hur-ried, Down to the old maids ball.
per-fect fig-ure, No - bo - dy won the prize.

Chorus.

There were old maids short and tall,
There were old maids short and tall,

Danc - ing 'round the hall, One who knew us
Danc - ing 'round the hall, One who knew us

drew up to us, She was old - er than St. Lou - is,
drew up to us, She was old - er than St. Lou - is,

Miss Me - lin - da Rand, _____ Led the fe - male band and
Miss Me - lin - da Rand, _____ Led the fe - male band and

when they played "Here comes the Bride," Four old maids sat
one old maid named Ger - ald - ine, Old - est maid I've

down and cried, Some one holler - ed "There's a man out side," And
ev - er seen, Said to mor - row I'll be sev - en - teen, And

broke up the old maids ball. _____ There were ball. _____
broke up the old maids ball. _____ There were ball. _____

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CHORUS. Valse mod^o.

We have eyes to be - hold one an - oth - er,..... We have

voi - ces to say, "I love you,"..... We have ears to hear

love's ten - der sto - ry,..... We have hearts that are fond and
true,..... We have arms to em-brace one an-oth-er,..... We have

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