

It Gets A Little Shorter Every Day

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Piano



The piano introduction consists of two staves of music. The first staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The second staff is in bass clef. The music is in a simple, rhythmic style. The first vocal line begins with the lyrics "Hi-ram Black" on a note that aligns with the piano accompaniment.

Hi-ram Black came from Hack-en-sack Dolled up in a sev-en dol-lar suit —
Hi-ram Black nev-er known to slack Went to war from there he wrote a note —



The piano accompaniment continues with the first vocal line. It features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand that support the melody.

On Broad-way in a swell ea-fé Hi-ram met a girl that was a beaut
Says it's great o-ver there of late Yan-kee boys have got the Kai-ser's goat



The piano accompaniment continues with the second vocal line. The melody in the right hand is more active, with some triplets and sixteenth notes.

Hi ram says "come in we'll do the town for fair My bank roll it is a bear" but now, It
Hi ram says it's quite a dis tance to Ber lin But the Yanks have start ed in and now, It



The piano accompaniment continues with the third vocal line. The bass line becomes more prominent, and the right hand has some block chords.

Chorus

gets a lit-tle short-er Just a lit-tle short-er It gets a lit-tle short-er ev-ry
gets a lit-tle short-er Just a lit-tle short-er It gets a lit-tle short-er ev-ry



The piano accompaniment continues with the chorus. The music is more rhythmic and repetitive, with a strong bass line and chords in the right hand.

day ——— When he hit Rec-tors the wine col- lec- tors Say! They!
 day ——— The Yanks are gun-nin' the Huns are run- nin' Where? There?

took his breath a - way The girl - ie start - ed wink - in' His roll it kept a shrink - in' Be -
 back the oth - er way! The miles are get - ting few - er The Kai - ser's get - ting blu - er Hell

lieve me when I say — Back home he spends a dol - lar and the girls all think he's grand But
 have some bill to pay — The Crown Prince leads his arm - y as a sprint - er he is fine But

now his roll has shrunk it does - nt need a rub - ber band It gets a lit - tle short - er
 how those Yan - kee boys cut down the dis - tance from the Rhine It gets a lit - tle short - er

Just a lit - tle short - er It gets a lit - tle short - er ev - 'ry day. ——— It day. ———
 Just a lit - tle short - er It gets a lit - tle short - er ev - 'ry day. ——— It day. ———

