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Tempo di Marcia

Piano.

Musical notation for the piano introduction, consisting of two staves in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand.

Voice

All the gals have got the blues Since they heard the la - test news That the rag-time vol-un-  
See them com - ing down the street Watch those dar-kies lift their feet To the mu-sic of that

Musical notation for the first line of the song, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the introduction.

teers Who have-n't fought in near-ly twen-ty years Will march a - way - and  
band Those mel-o-dies they play are sim-ply grand They take you back to

Musical notation for the second line of the first verse, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment.

leave their folks in tears They're gon-na leave to - day That's what the pa - pers  
dear old Dix - ie - land That drum-mer's full of pep He has a world-wide

Musical notation for the third line of the first verse, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment.

say Here comes the band, Come take your stand And watch them march a - way:  
"Rep" He's rag - ging some Up - on his drum To keep the boys in step:

Musical notation for the fourth line of the first verse, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment.

## Chorus

Just see those rag-time sol-diers Left, right, left, right, Knap-sacksup - on their shoul-ders

*p:f*

Left, right, left, right, Just watch that lead-er man Con-trol that jas-bo band Ain't that some

dem-on-stra-tion? Oh! what syn-co - pa - tion! Old Colo-nel Jones looks like a pou - ter

pi - geon, As they go swing-ing by his door, Each high brown tur-tle dove says

"Fare-well, my la-dy love," The rag-time vol-un-teers are off to war.

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