

A COCKEYED OPTIMIST

Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Music by RICHARD RODGERS

Con anima

Str., W.W.
pp

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a series of chords and arpeggiated figures, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with eighth notes.

Repeat & play Melody

Nellie:

1

When the sky is a bright ca - na - ry
yel - low

Str. *p*
Cel., Bsn.

The first system shows the vocal melody for the first line of the song. The piano accompaniment includes strings and celesta/clarinet. The lyrics are: "When the sky is a bright canary yellow".

I for - get ev - 'ry cloud I've ev - er seen so they

The second system shows the vocal melody for the second line. The piano accompaniment continues with strings and celesta/clarinet. The lyrics are: "I forget every cloud I've ever seen so they".

call me a cock - eyed op - ti - mist, im - ma - ture and in -

The third system shows the vocal melody for the third line. The piano accompaniment continues with strings and celesta/clarinet. The lyrics are: "call me a cock-eyed optimist, immature and in -".

2

cur - a - bly green! I have heard peo - ple rant and rave and

bel - low that we're done and we might as well be dead

but I'm on - ly a cock - eyed op - ti - mist and I

3

Singer back; stop playing melody

can't get it in - to my head. I hear the hu - man race is

W.W., muted Bar.

poco rit. *a tempo*

fall - ing on its face and has - n't ver - y far to go, _____ but

poco rit. *a tempo*

3

ev - 'ry whip - poor - will is sell - ing me a bill and tell - ing me it just ain't

Str., W.W.

4

so. _____ I could say life is just a bowl of jel - lo, _____ and ap -

Str.
Cel., Bsn.

pear more in - tel - li - gent and smart _____ but I'm stuck (like a dope!) With a

add W.W.
Hrp.

thing called hope, and I can't get it out of my heart.

Tutti

poco a poco cresc.

This system contains a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics: "thing called hope, and I can't get it out of my heart." The piano accompaniment includes the instruction "Tutti" and "poco a poco cresc.".

Not this heart.

Str., W.W., Hrp.

Tutti (mf)

This system contains a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics: "Not this heart." The piano accompaniment includes the instruction "Tutti (mf)".

First time return to repeat

This system contains a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a long note with a slur. The piano accompaniment features a complex texture with many notes.