

Fascinating Rhythm

George and Ira Gershwin

Arranged by Tim Berens
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Duration 4:00

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Instrumentation

2 Flutes
2 Oboes
2 Clarinets in B♭
2 Bassoons
4 Horns in F
3 Trumpets in B♭
2 Trombones
Bass Trombone
Tuba
Timpani
2 Percussionists playing Glockenspiel, Bass Drum, Iron Bar, Xylophone
Drum Set
Rhythm Bass (Amplified Acoustic Bass)
Guitar
Piano
Harp
Vocal Soloist
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
Contrabass

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Flutes 1,2 *Swing 8ths (♩ = 168)*

Oboes 1,2

Clarinets 1,2 in B♭

Bassoons 1,2

Horns 1,2 in F

Horns 3,4 in F

Trumpet 1 in B♭

Trumpets 2,3 in B♭

Trombones 1,2

Bass Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion *Glockenspiel*

Percussion *Bass Drum*

Drum Set *Hits with high-hat back beat* *Fill* *Crash* *Fill* *Crash* *Fill* *Crash* *Simple Swing. Ride open/closed high-hat* *Continue ad lib*

Rhythm Bass

Guitar *Amplified Acoustic Bass* *Archtop Jazz Guitar* *B♭m⁷* *E♭¹³* *Bm⁷* *E¹³* *B♭m⁷* *E♭^{7(♯5)}* *A♭m⁶* *Freddie Green Comp* *A♭m⁶*

Harp

Piano

Voice

Violin I *Swing 8ths (♩ = 168)*

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Flts.

Oboes

Clrnts.

Bsns.

Hrns. 1,2

Hrns. 3,4

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2,3

Tbns. 1,2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Timpani

Glock.

B. D.

Dr.

p

Bass

p

Grtr.

p

Hp.

mf

Pno.

p

Voice

Got a lit-tle rhy-thm, A rhy-thm, a rhy-thm That pit-a-pats through my brain.

So dam per-sis-tent, The day is-n't dis-tant When it -'ll drive me in - sane

Vln. I

mp

pizz.

Vln. II

mp

pizz.

Vla.

mp

pizz.

Vc.

mp

pizz.

Cb.

mf

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

This section of the score shows the instrumentation from measure 19 to 26. It includes parts for Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, Bassoons, Horns 1 & 2, Horns 3 & 4, Trombones 1 & 2, Bass Trombone, Double Bassoon, Timpani, Glockenspiel, and Bass Drum. Measure 19 has rests. Measures 20-21 show woodwind entries. Measures 22-23 feature rhythmic patterns with sixteenth-note figures. Measures 24-25 show sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. Measure 26 concludes with a dynamic change.

Stop time.

Dr. Bass Gtr. Hp. Pno.

Eb^m Fm^{7(b5)} B^{b7} Eb(sus4) Eb

Time. Fill

This section shows the drums, bass, guitar, bassoon, and piano. The piano part includes harmonic analysis: Eb^m, Fm^{7(b5)}, B^{b7}, Eb(sus4), and Eb. The vocal line continues, and the piano provides harmonic support.

Voice

Comes in the morn-ing with - out a-ny warn-ing And hangs a-round all day.

I'll have to sneak up to it, Some-day and speak up to it, I hope it list-ens when I say:

Gb

D^bC^b E^bF^gG^a^b ff

The vocal line continues with lyrics. The piano part includes harmonic analysis: Gb, D^bC^b, E^bF^gG^a^b, and ff. The vocal line concludes with a melodic line.

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

arco

mf arco

mf arco

arco

mf arco

The final section shows the violin, viola, cello, and double bass. The strings play eighth-note patterns, primarily using the arco technique.

27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

Flts.

Oboes

Clrnts.

Bsns.

Hrns. 1,2

Hrns. 3,4

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2,3

Tbns. 1,2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tim.

Glock.

B. D.

Two-beat swing

Dr.

As is or play changes.

Bass

Two-beat swing

Gtr.

mp

Fill

Hp.

Pno.

Bb^m7 E^b7 Bb^m7 E^b7 Bb^m7 E^b7 Bb^m7 E^b7 E^bm⁷ A^b7 E^bm⁷ A^b7 E^bm⁷ A^b7 E^bm⁷ A^b7

p

mf

p

mf

mp

G^b f

Voice

Fas-ci-nat-ing rhy-thm, You've got me on the go! Fas-ci-nat-ing rhy-thm, I'm all a - qui-ver.

What a mess you're mak-ing! The neigh-bors want to know why I'm al-ways shak-ing Just like a fliv-ver.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

Flts. Oboes Clrnts. Bsns. Hrns. 1,2 Hrns. 3,4 Tpt. 1 Tpts. 2,3 Tbn. 1,2 B. Tbn. Tba. Timp. Glock. B. D.

Swing 4

Dr. Bass Gtr.

D \flat F 7 B \flat m 7 E \flat 7 A \flat Fm Fm B \flat 7 E \flat 7

Triplet fill *Stop time* *Fill*

Hp. Pno.

D \flat B \flat m 7 E \flat 7 A \flat Fm Fm B \flat 7 f 3 3 3 3

Voice

Each morn-ing I get up___ with the sun, (Start a hop-ping nev-er stop-ping) To find at night, no work has been done. I know that

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

arco

43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

Flts.

Oboes

Clrnts.

Bsns. *mf*

Hrns. 1,2 *mf*

Hrns. 3,4 *mf*

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2,3

Tbns. 1,2 *mp*

B. Tbn. *mp*

Tba. *mf*

Timp.

Glock.

B. D.

Two-beat swing

Dr.

Two-beat swing

Bass

Two-beat swing

E_b A_b E_b⁷ A_b E_b A_b E_b B_bm⁷ E_b⁷ A_b D_b A_b⁷ D_b A_b D_b A_b E_bm⁷ A_b⁷

Fill

Hp. G[#]

Pno. Eb Ab Eb⁷ Ab Eb Ab Eb Bbm⁷ Eb⁷ Ab Db Ab⁷ Db Ab Db Ab Eb⁷ Ab⁷

mp

Voice

once it did-n't mat-ter but now you're do-ing wrong. When you start to pat-ter I'm so un-hap-py.

Won't you take the day off? De - cide to run a-long some-where far a-way off, and make it snap-py.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58

Swing 4 Crash

Big solo fill Crash Fill

Dr. Bass Gtr.

mf *Swing 4* *D_b* *F⁷* *B^{bm}7* *C⁷* *F^m7* *B^b7* *B^{bm}7* *D_b/E_b* *A_b* *F^{7(#9)}*

mf *Swing 4* *D_b* *F⁷* *B^{bm}7* *C⁷* *F^m7* *B^b7* *B^{bm}7* *D_b/E_b* *A_b* *F^{7(#9)}*

mf

mf *G^{#A²}*

D_b *F⁷* *B^{bm}7* *C⁷* *F^m7* *B^b7* *B^{bm}7* *D_b/E_b* *A_b* *F^{7(#9)}*

f

Voice

Oh how I long to be the man I used to be! Fas-ci-nat-ing rhy-thm Oh won't you stop pick - ing on me!

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

mf

59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

Flts. *mf*

Oboes *mf*

Clrnts. *mf*

Bsns. *mf*

Hrns. 1,2 *mf*

Hrns. 3,4 *mf*

Tpt. 1 *f*

Tpts. 2,3 *f*

Tbns. 1,2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tim. *mf*

Glock.

Xyl. *mf*

Dr. *mf*
Swing four Bbm Eb⁷ Snare: Bbm Eb⁷ Crash Bbm Eb⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Fill

Bass *mf*
Swing four Bbm Eb⁷ Bbm Eb⁷ Bbm Eb⁷ Bbm Eb⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Ebm Ab⁷

Gtr. *mf*

Hp.

Pno. Bbm Eb⁷ Bbm Eb⁷ Bbm Eb⁷ Bbm Eb⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Ebm Ab⁷ Ebm Ab⁷

Voice

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *mp*

Cb.

75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82

Flts. *f*

Oboes *f*

Clrnts. *f*

Bsns.

Hrns. 1,2 *f*

Hrns. 3,4 *f*

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2,3

Tbns. 1,2

B. Tbn. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

Tim.

Glock.

Iron bar with hammer

Tri. *mf*

Bells of 2 cymbals

Dr.

mf B.D. H.H. B_b9(b5) A_b9(b5) G_b9(b5) B_b9(b5) A_b9(b5) G_b9(b5) E_b9(b5) D_b9(b5) D_b9(b5) C_b9(b5) E_b9(b5) D_b9(b5) D_b9(b5) C_b9(b5)

Bass

Gtr. B_b9(b5) A_b9(b5) A_b9(b5) G_b9(b5) B_b9(b5) A_b9(b5) A_b9(b5) G_b9(b5) E_b9(b5) D_b9(b5) D_b9(b5) C_b9(b5) E_b9(b5) D_b9(b5) D_b9(b5) C_b9(b5)

Hp. *f*

Pno. *f*

Voice

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

Cb. *f*

83 84 85 86 87 88

Swing 4 Crash

Fill

Dr.

Bass

Gtr.

Hp.

Pno.

Voice

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Flts.
Oboes
Clrnts.
Bsns.
Hrns. 1,2
Hrns. 3,4
Tpt. 1
Tpts. 2,3
Tbns. 1,2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timp.
Glock.
Tri.
D_b D_b⁺ F⁷ B_bm⁷ C⁷ Fm⁷ B_b⁷ B_bm⁷ D_b/E_b
D_b D_b⁺ F⁷ B_bm⁷ C⁷ Fm⁷ B_b⁷ B_bm⁷ D_b/E_b
D_b B_bm⁷ C⁷ Fm⁷ B_b⁷ B_bm⁷ D_b/E_b
D_b B_bm⁷ C⁷ Fm⁷ B_b⁷ B_bm⁷ D_b/E_b

89

90

91

92

93

94

95

96

Flts. *p*

Oboes *p*

Clrnts. *p*

Bsns. *f*

Hrns. 1,2 *p*

Hrns. 3,4 *p*

Tpt. 1 *p*

Tpts. 2,3 *p*

Tbns. 1,2 *p*

B. Tbn. *p*

Tba. *p*

Tim. *p*

Glock.

Tri.

Ride open/closed high-hat

Continue ad lib

Stop Time

Lead in. Straight 8ths

Dr. *mp*

Bass *mp*

Gtr.

Hp. *f*

Pno. *Abm*

Voice *Abm Scat solo*

End Scat

Vln. I *p* pizz. *mp* pizz. arco *mp* arco

Vln. II *p* pizz. *mp* pizz. arco *mp* arco

Vla. *p* pizz. *mp* pizz. arco *mp* arco

Vc. *p* pizz. *mp* pizz. arco *mp* arco

Cb. *p* pizz. *mp*

97 **98** **99** **100** **101** **102** **103** **104**

Flts. *Straight 8ths* *f*

Oboes *f*

Clrnts. *f*

Bsns. *f*

Hrns. 1,2 *f*

Hrns. 3,4 *f*

Tpt. 1 *f*

Tpts. 2,3 *f*

Tbns. 1,2 *f*

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tim. *f* *fp* *f*

Glock.

Xyl. *f* *Xylophone*
Double time feel next 7 bars.
Ride closed high-hat, snare back beat, bass drum.

Dr. *Big Swing Fill* *f* *Ab7(#9)*

Bass *f* *Double time feel next 7 bars.* *Eb7* *Eb7(#9)* *Ab7* *Swing 4* *Ab7(#9)*

Gtr. *mf*

Hp. *f* *G \natural* *C \sharp* *G \flat*

Pno.

Voice

Vln. I *f* *Straight 8ths*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

Cb. *f*