

From: "Going My Way"
Swinging on a Star
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SWINGING ON A STAR

from GOING MY WAY

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Moderato

mf

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines.

D7 \flat 5/A \flat Dm7/G G7/D G9 G C+ C7

mp

Would you like to swing on a star, Car - ry

The first system of the song includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is on a single staff, and the piano accompaniment is on two staves. The lyrics are: "Would you like to swing on a star, Car - ry".

Cm7/F F7/C F9 B \flat Ebm/B \flat B \flat D7 \flat 5/A \flat Dm7/G G7/D G9

moon - beams home in a jar, _____ And be bet - ter off than you

The second system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "moon - beams home in a jar, _____ And be bet - ter off than you".

C7 C+ C7 Cm7/F F7 B \flat Eb/B \flat B \flat /D Cm7

are, Or would you rath - er be a mule? _____

The third system concludes the vocal and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "are, Or would you rath - er be a mule? _____".

Refrain

With a lift

B \flat Eb6 B \flat Eb6

A mule is an an - i - mal with long fun - ny ears, He
 pig is an an - i - mal with dirt on his face, His
 fish won't do an - y - thing but swim in a brook, He

p-mp-mf

B \flat Eb6 B \flat A \flat 7 A7 B \flat C7 Gm7/D C7/E

kicks up at an - y - thing he hears, _____ His back is brawn - y and his
 shoes are a ter - ri - ble dis - grace, _____ He's got no man - ners when he
 can't write his name or read a book, _____ To fool the peo - ple is his

F F/A Gm7/C C7 Gm7/D C7/E F Am F7 Gm7 F A7/E

brain is weak, - He's Just plain stu - pid with a stub - born streak, And by the
 eats his food, - He's fat and la - zy and ex - treme - ly rude, But if you
 on - ly thought, - And though he's slip - per - y, he still gets caught, But then if

B \flat Eb6 B \flat A \flat G7 Cm7 F7

way, if you hate to go to school, You may grow up to be a
 don't care a feath - er or a fig, You may grow up to be a
 that sort of life is what you wish, You may grow up to be a

B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat D7 \flat 5 Dm7/G G7/D G9 C7 C+ C7

mule. _____ Or would you like to swing on a star, Car - ry
 pig. _____ Or would you like to swing on a star, Car - ry
 fish. _____ And all the mon - keys aren't in the zoo, Ev - 'ry

Cm7/F F7/C F9 B \flat E \flat m/B \flat B \flat D7 \flat 5/A \flat Dm7/G G7/D G9

moon - beams home in a jar, _____ And be bet - ter off than you
 moon - beams home in a jar, _____ And be bet - ter off than you
 day you meet quite a few, _____ So you see it's all up to

1.2.
C7 C+ C7 Cm7/F F7 B \flat E \flat B \flat Cm7

are, _____ Or would you rath - er be a pig? _____ A
 are, _____ Or would you rath - er be a fish? _____ A
 you. _____ You can be bet - ter than you

3.
D7 \flat 5/A \flat G7 Cm7/F F7 B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat

are, _____ You could be swing - ing on a star. _____