

Carl Sandburg (1878–1967)

Honky Tonk

Smoke and Steel (1920)

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A musical score for Honky Tonk, featuring two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The tempo is marked as $\text{♩} = 100$. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music consists of five systems of music, each with lyrics underneath.

System 1: Measures 1-3. Treble staff starts with a rest. Bass staff dynamics are marked *mf*. Measure 3 ends with a fermata over the bass note. The vocal line begins with "It's a jazz af-".

System 2: Measures 4-6. Treble staff starts with a eighth-note followed by a sixteenth-note. Bass staff has eighth-note patterns. Measure 6 ends with a fermata over the bass note. The vocal line continues with "fair, drum crash-es and co-ro-net razz-es." Measure 7 starts with a fermata over the treble note.

System 3: Measures 7-9. Treble staff starts with a fermata over the note. Bass staff has eighth-note patterns. The vocal line continues with "The trom-bone po-ny neighs and the".

System 4: Measures 10-12. Treble staff starts with a fermata over the note. Bass staff has eighth-note patterns. The vocal line continues with "tu - ba jack - ass snorts. The".

System 5: Measures 13-15. Treble staff starts with a eighth-note followed by a sixteenth-note. Bass staff has eighth-note patterns. The vocal line continues with "It's a jazz af-". The score concludes with a dynamic marking *a piacere*.

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13

ban - jo tick - les and tit - ters too aw - ful.

16

The chip - pies talk a - bout

19

fun - nies in the pa - pers.

22

car - toon - ists weep in their beer.

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26

ri - vet - ers talk with their feet to the feet of

(8)

floozi es un - der the tab - bles.

29

It's a jazz af - fair...

(8)

...a jazz af - fair.

32

a piacere

A quar-tet of white hopes

(8)

mourn with in - ter - spersed snick - ers.

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"I got the blues. I_____ got the blues. I_____ got the_____ blues."

42 *a piacere*

— ...the blues. It's a jazz af-

46 *a tempo*

fair.... And... as we said ear - li - er: the car-toon - ists... weep...

50 *non ritardando*

— in their beer. ...weep in their beer.

circa 2' 10"

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