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Mod'to

Piano introduction in G major, 2/4 time. The right hand features a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes. A dynamic marking of *f* is present.

When first I met... my Di - nah dear, I loved her at... first
A scene of south - ern beau - ty "ev' - ry night I now... be -

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first line of lyrics. The vocal line is in G major, 2/4 time, with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern to the introduction.

sight;..... It seem'd I knew... her long be - fore that night..... Her
hold,.....When moonbeams crown my Cre - ole queen in gold;..... While

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second line of lyrics. The vocal line continues with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The piano accompaniment features more complex chordal textures.

dark eyes all... a - gleaming put... the brightest star... to shame,..... Her
on her bal - co - ny she waits, and like a Ro - me - o,..... To

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third line of lyrics. The vocal line concludes with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The piano accompaniment provides a final harmonic support.

Cu - pid lips... could make a red... rose tame... Soon we
 meet her there... I soft - ly steal - ing go... Now...

fell to ask - ing ques - tions a - bout the things we'd like... to know,..... She
 were it for the ask - ing, she'd been my sweet wife long.. a - go;..... 'Cause

asked me if..... I had an - oth - er beau,..... O - o - o - o!..... Then
 when I ask.... she won't say, "Yes" or "No!"..... O - o - o - o!..... Just

while the moon was beam - ing,... my heart was beat - ing gay,..... I
 rolls her eyes and smiles at me.... to tease me, I.... sup - pose..... So

told her how..... I loved her in.... this way:.....
 ev' - ry night.... I sing when I.... pro - pose:.....

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Chorus

Say you'll be..... my la - dy, Di - nah, do,..... sweet Dinah, do!

You're the sweet - est gal I ev - er knew, — yes, ev - er knew!

You're the ap - ple of my eye! And I'll love you till I die!.... Just

say you'll be..... my la - dy, Di - nah, do,..... sweet Dinah, do!.....