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# I WISH I'D BEEN BORN A BOY

WORDS  
AND  
MUSIC  
BY  
AL. TRAHERN

SUNG BY  
THE  
DAINTY DOLL  
COMEDIENNE  
JESSIE  
MAE HALL



# I Wish I'd Been Born A Boy.

Words & Music by AL TRAHERN.

Valse.

Piano introduction in 3/4 time, marked 'f' (forte). The music consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The melody is simple and rhythmic, typical of a waltz.

2 1 3 1 0 3 1 0 3 0

1. Some - bod - y's al - ways scold - ing me, I can't have  
 2. My broth - er Tom had fun to - day, He broke his  
 3. When a big cir - cus comes to town, My broth - ers  
 4. My broth - ers all make fun of me Be - cause I

Musical notation for the first vocal line, corresponding to the lyrics above. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and follows the rhythm of the lyrics.

1 2 3 2 1 0 3 1

fun at all. Pa - pa scolds if I  
 arm right there! When doc - tor left I  
 al ways go. They get ac - quain - ted  
 am a girl. They say that boys don't

Musical notation for the second vocal line, corresponding to the lyrics above. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody continues from the first line.

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0 3 1 0 1 1 2 1 0 3

climb a tree; Mam - ma won't let me play ball.  
 heard him say: "Tom - my must have ev - 'ry care."  
 with the clown, Sit in the ver - y first row.  
 like to see Old yal - ler hair in a curl.

2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 3

Teach - er keeps me in af - ter school, And  
 Now, Mam - ma gives him pie and cake, And  
 My broth - ers boast they nev - er pay To  
 They play at home 'most ev - 'ry night, And

3 0 1 3 3 0 2 2 1 3

some - times at re - cess, too, Be - cause she says I  
 lets him smash my new toys; I don't see why my  
 get in the cir - cus tent. They car - ry wa - ter  
 make such a dread - ful noise, But pa - pa says that

I wish I'd been born a boy - 4.

3 1 0 3 2 3 0 1 3 2

break the rule, And act just like tom - boys do. \_\_\_\_\_  
 arm don't break, So I could have fun like boys. \_\_\_\_\_  
 all the day, To give to the El - e - phant. \_\_\_\_\_  
 it's all right, Be - cause they are on - ly boys. \_\_\_\_\_

CHORUS.

I wish I'd been born a boy, — (Oh Gee!) In -

3 0 1 3 1 0 1 2 3

stead of a girl like poor lit - tle me. I'd

0 1 2 1 0 3 1 0 1

play kan - ga - roo, turn flip - - flaps, too, And

0 1 2 1 0 1 0 1 3 2 1 0 3

stand on my head, like all the boys do. I'd swim in the

1 0 1 3 0 1 0 3 0 1 3 0

pool, play hook - ey from school. I'd tie a tin can to

1 0 1 3 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 3 0

our la - zy mule. And you bet - ter bet I'd be pa - pa's

0 3 0 1 0 3 1 3 2

pet, If I'd on - ly been born a boy!

I wish I'd been born a boy - 4.

# **THE CUTEST GIRL IN TOWN**

**NEW MARCH SONG**

**WRITTEN FOR**

**JESSIE MAE HALL**

**AND**

**HER SHOW GIRLS**

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**HERE'S THE CHORUS.**

**She's the cutest girl in town  
In her fluffy ruffle gown,  
The boys call her the candy  
She's made a hit all over town,  
The east side, west side, up and down  
A dainty queen without a crown  
The cutest girl in town.**