

WHILE STROLLING THROUGH THE PARK ONE DAY

1884

The actual title of this song is "The Fountain In The Park," and the real name of the composer was Robert Keiser, who changed his name to Robert King. He published songs under several assumed names, including Ed Haley, R. A. Wilson, and Mrs. Ravenhall, in addition to his own name, Robert Keiser/Robert King. His other great successful song, "Beautiful Ohio," was published under the pseudonym Mary Earl.

It is said that Robert Keiser/Robert King could imitate any style of composition and that he composed excellent songs with amazing speed. He wrote songs, often anonymously, for many publishers, but not one of them ever surpassed this one for popularity. Perhaps its slightly naughty (in 1884) lyric has something to do with its durability.

INTRO: By ED HALEY
(1862-1932)

How can a guy find a girl to-day? May-be you can do it in the

CHORUS:

same old way. 1. While stroll - ing through the park one day, a tune,
2. Then the or - gan played a wed - ding one day, a tune,

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In the mer - ry month of May, I was tak - en by sur - prise by a
 In the mer - ry month of June, On her fin - ger went a ring as the

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pair of ro - guish eyes, In a mo - ment my poor heart was stole a - way. A
 choir be - gan to sing, In a mo - ment we were on our hon - ey - moon. And

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A smile was
 And then we
 smile then was all she gave to me;
 we raised a fam - i - ly; La la la la la la la la

A smile was
 And then we

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la la la la la la la. Of course it made me hap - py as could be;
 We'd nev - er known how hap - py we could be;

la la la

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La la la la la la, Oh, you see! I im - me - di - ate - ly raised my
 Tho' the fu - ture may be cold and

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my hat, so dark, And fin - al - ly she re - mark'd, Oh, I nev - er shall for - get the
 hat, dark, There'll al - ways, al - ways be a spark, So that when we're old and gray, I'll

my hat, so dark,

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love - ly af - ter - noon I met her at the foun - tain in the park.
 still re - call the day I met her at the foun - tain in the

2. TAG: tenor melody park.

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park, in the park. I met her at the foun - tain in the park, in the park.