

The Darktown Strutters' Ball

(Larger tab # is the melody)

Bend 7th and 10th frets middle string

Three Strings

Words and Music

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The musical score is written for three strings (D, A, D) in 4/4 time. It includes a melody line and guitar tablature. The lyrics are as follows:

I'll be down to get you in a Tax-i hon-ey You bet-ter be read - y a - bout half past eight,

Now dear - ie, don't be late, I want to be there when the band starts play-ing, Re -

memb-er when we get there, Hon-ey The two steps I'm goin' to have 'em all, Goin' to

dance out both my shoes, When they play the "Jel - ly Roll Blues" To

mor-row night, at the Dark - town Strut-ters' Ball. I'll be

The score includes various fret numbers and bends (indicated by '+' signs) for the guitar. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into measures, with some measures containing multiple strings of tablature.