

"Heart of My Heart, I Love You So" was just a line in "The Story of a Rose," a hit song of 1899 which, as "Heart of My Heart," endured for years as a favorite with barbershop

The Gang That Sang "Heart of My Heart"

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quartets. A quarter of a century later, Ryan capitalized on its lasting popularity by writing another song about singing that old favorite. It proved to be as popular as the original.

Freely (Barbershop style) in tempo, moderately

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a series of chords in G major, including G, G#m, A, and B, with some triplets and a final melodic flourish. The left hand provides a simple bass line with some chords and a final melodic flourish.

Heart Of My Heart, I love that mel - o - dy (love that mel - o - dy).

This system contains the first line of lyrics. The right hand has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The left hand has a bass line with notes G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2. Chord diagrams for G, G/Bbass, Bbdim, and D7 are shown above the staff. The dynamic is marked *mf*.

Heart Of My Heart brings back a mem - o - ry.

This system contains the second line of lyrics. The right hand has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The left hand has a bass line with notes G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2. A chord diagram for G is shown above the staff. The dynamic is marked *p*.

When we were kids on the cor - ner of the street,

This system contains the third line of lyrics. The right hand has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The left hand has a bass line with notes G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2. Chord diagrams for E7 and A7 are shown above the staff. The dynamic is marked *p*.

We were rough and read - y guys, But oh, how we could har - mon - ize.

Var

G G/B_{bass} B_bdim D7

Heart Of My Heart meant friends were dear - er then (they were dear - er then).

F_#m7-5 B7

slower *rather freely*

Too bad we had to part (too bad we had to part). I

E7 A7

know a tear would glis - ten If once more I could lis - ten,

D7 G (Guitar tacet) *slower*

To that gang that sang Heart Of My Heart (Heart Of My Heart).