

FERDINAND THE FEARLESS FUSILIER

HUMOROUS SONG

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Tempo di Marcia.

VOICE.

PIANO

Key G. I come of a mil.i.tar.y

fam.i.ly, — My peo.ple are really quite tut - tut!

One of my an_cestors so I un_der_stand, — Was called by the Duke of

{m:-:re lm:-:re lm:-:r ld:-:t, ld:-:r lm:-:t:-:s. l : :d l r :m:r ld:-:t, }

Wel_ling-ton a nut! — My pater's in the Cav_al_ry, The

{lse:-:s, lt, :-:d lr :-:s:-:l :-:s:-:l :-:s:-:l : :s, lr :-:de lr :-:de lr :-:de lr :-:re }

good old Fif_ty Twoth! But hors_es nev_er were much use to

{m :-:re lm :-:re lm :-:s. l : :s, lr :-:de lr :-:de l r :-:de lr :-:re }

me! — The on_ly kind I like are those that win at ten to

{m:-:s:-:l:-:s:-:l:-:s:-:l : :m lr :-:d lt, :-:s, l se, :-:s, lt, :-:d lt, :-:de, lt, :-:d }

onal — So that is why I joined the In-fan-try! — I'm

The first system of music features a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "onal — So that is why I joined the In-fan-try! — I'm". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

REFRAIN.

Fer-di-nand the Fear-less, the fear-less Fu-si-lier! — When

The second system, labeled "REFRAIN.", continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Fer-di-nand the Fear-less, the fear-less Fu-si-lier! — When". The piano accompaniment features a more rhythmic and chordal texture.

on pa-rade I am not dis-mayed at some of the things I hear, — My

The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "on pa-rade I am not dis-mayed at some of the things I hear, — My". The piano accompaniment maintains the harmonic support for the vocal melody.

deeds of dash and dar- ing are known both far and near! — When

The fourth system concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "deeds of dash and dar- ing are known both far and near! — When". The piano accompaniment provides a final harmonic resolution.

we were out in In - di - a the Colonel, full of fight, — Said

"Take a doz - en men with you and go and storm that height!" I

answered "Can't be done, sir, 'cos it's my Am - am - i Night," I'm

Fer - di - nand the Fear - less Fu - si - lier! — I'm - lier! —

1st time *2nd time*

I come of a military family!
 My people are really quite tall tall
 One of my ancestors, so I understand,
 Was called by the Duke of Wellington a nut!
 My pater's in the Cavalry - the good old Fifty Twoth,
 But horses never were much use to me,
 The only kind I like are those that win at ten to one,
 So that is why I joined the Infantry!

REFRAIN.

I'm Ferdinand the Fearless, the Fearless Fusilier!
 When on parade
 I am not dismayed

At some of the things I hear.

My deeds of dash and daring are known both far and near,
 When we were out in India the Colonel, full of fight,
 Said "Take a dozen men with you and go and storm that height!"
 I answered "Can't be done, sir, 'cos it's my Amami night."

I'm Ferdinand the Fearless Fusilier!

The first time that I appeared in uniform,
 Excitement was really at its height.

As I strolled along the Mall, the ladies smiled,
 And one or two of the darlings laughed outright!
 A crowd soon started following, and then the p'lice appeared,
 And one great burly sergeant said, said he,
 "You mustn't advertise the waxworks in the street like this,"
 I said "My dear old bean, you'll pardon me!"

REFRAIN.

I'm Ferdinand the Fearless, the Fearless Fusilier!
 When on parade
 I am not dismayed

At some of the things I hear.

My deeds of dash and daring are known both far and near,
 At ev'ry kind of manly sport I am a perfect scream,
 When I play Snakes and Ladders all the ladies simply beam,
 And now I've been made Captain of our Crown and Anchor Team,
 'Cos I'm Ferdinand the Fearless Fusilier!

When there's a war I am in great demand,
 Without me the country is na-poo.

The Navy's got its Jellies - the Army has got me!
 So we can fly the old red, white and blue!
 I've heard it said it's men like me make England what she is,
 If that's the case you really can't complain
 That people say they think the country's going to the dogs,
 But still they don't know who I am, it's plain.

REFRAIN.

I'm Ferdinand the Fearless, the Fearless Fusilier,
 When on parade
 I am not dismayed

At some of the things I hear.

My deeds of dash and daring are known both far and near.
 My first day with the regiment the Major said "Now then,
 To-morrow you'll be on parade at six with all your men,"
 I said "I'm frightfully proved, old thing, I don't get up till ten!"

I'm Ferdinand the Fearless Fusilier!