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IF YOU WANT TO HEAR RAGTIME MUSICIANS

If you want to hear ragtime musicians  
clashing with the cavalry, ask me what  
I'm doing this weekend. And if you think  
that's acting too presumptuous just wait  
until you see what a coronet does  
to a saber – Oh, don't take it like that.  
I'm going to ask you. That's an offer.  
Could I start all over again after  
you already love me? I've already  
composed all the marches and symphonies  
we'll need to conquer the deserts and seas.  
Please, I want to get inside of you – like  
sheet music getting inside low brass. Please  
understand that your epaulets slay me.