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THE BAND PLAYED ON

(1895)

as sung by Yesteryear



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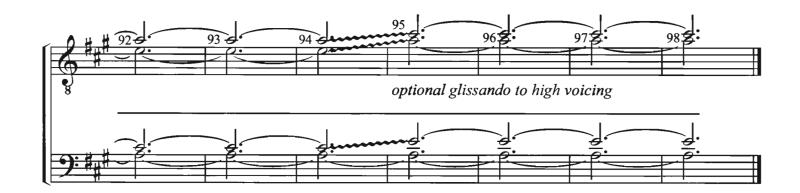












Performance Notes

The Band Played On was also known (by its refrain) as Casey Would Waltz with the Strawberry Blonde. The song has become a popular standard and has been recorded many times. It was also featured in several films, including Raoul Walsh's The Strawberry Blonde and Alfred Hitchcock's Strangers on a Train.

One of the most famous recordings, by Guy Lombardo's orchestra, was made on February 26, 1941, and issued by Decca Records. It first reached the Billboard magazine Best Seller chart on May 9, 1941, and lasted four weeks on the chart, peaking at #6.

Eric Jackson has written verses for several arrangements by Rob Hopkins, including *I'll Be Seeing You*. The key to success in performing *The Band Played On* is to convince the audience that you are ending the song at measure 56, then again at measures 71, 78, 79, 83, 89 and 94. Each time, you want the audience to be pleasantly surprised that the song goes on.

The Society has published several arrangements by Rob Hopkins, our 2004-05 Society president, but this one is his most requested work. Enjoy!

As a final note: Questions about the contest suitability of this or any other song/arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest rules. Ask *before* you sing.