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Ain't_



won-der-ful you.__





Performance Notes

This song was introduced in the 1929 Nightclub Revue: Connie's Hot Chocolates by Louis Armstrong, and has been recorded innumerable times by many artists, including Armstrong and the composer "Fats" Waller. It later became the title tune of the Broadway musical celebrating the music of "Fats" Waller, whose extensive list of published songs includes Blue Turning Gray Over You, Honeysuckle Rose, I've Got A Feeling I'm Falling, The Joint Is Jumpin', Keepin' Out Of Mischief Now and What Did I Do To Be So Black And Blue. Andy Razaf was his principal lyricist, and Harry Brooks was a sometime collaborator.

This arrangement is mostly the work of the late Earl Moon, whose prolific output is widely known throughout the Society and is frequently represented in our published catalog. Our 1999 Society president, renowned arranger Ed Waesche, added his magic touches to make it even more interesting and singable.

The entire chorus should have a strong swing feeling, emphasizing beats 2 and 4 of each measure. "Wonderful you" (measure 23) should be sung with feeling, such that it starts a series of strong pulsations ending with measure 28. Measures 29 and 30 are sung with tenderness, and "believe me" (measures 31-32) contrasts that tenderness with forceful emphasis.