

BILL BAILEY, WON'T YOU PLEASE COME HOME?

American, Song Tune. By Hughie Cannon, **DATE:** Published in 1902; **CATEGORY:** Tin-Pan Alley and Jazz Song; **RECORDING INFO:** Louis Armstrong; Ella Fitzgerald; Big Bill Broonzy; Buddy Pendleton; Weavers; Johnny Whisnant; **NOTES:** This song was an instant hit when first introduced by John Queen, a minstrel. Often recorded and often associated with the great Louis Armstrong. Bobby Darin's version was a million seller. Most bluegrass groups play chorus only.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Won't you come home Bill Bai-ley won't you come home? She moans the whole day long I'll do the cook - in' dar - ling, I'll pay the rent I know I've done you wrong 'Mem-ber that rain - y eve - ning that I drove you out with noth - ing but a fine tooth comb I know I'm to blame, Well, ain't that a shame? Bill Bai-ley won't you please come home." The score includes various chords such as G, D, G7, C, E/B, Am, A, and D.

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G
Chorus: Won't you come home, Bill Bailey, Won't you come home?

D
She moans the whole day long.

I'll do the cookin', darling, I'll pay the rent,

G
I know I've done you wrong;

'Member that rainy evening that

G7 C E Am
I threw you out, With nothing but a fine-tooth comb?

C A7 G E
I know I'm to blame, Well, ain't that a shame

A D G
Bill Bailey won't you please come home.