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Moderato

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in B-flat major, 2/4 time, marked 'Moderato'. The piano part features a series of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand. The introduction concludes with a 'VAMP' section, marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano), consisting of a repeating rhythmic pattern. The vocal melody enters in the third system, with lyrics: 'Be - fore our times there could be found / Dan - cés, ca - fes or an - y show'. The piano accompaniment continues with a melody in the right hand and chords in the left hand. The final system contains the lyrics: 'Some great com - pos - ers of world's re - nown / They play rag - time and snap fin - gers so'. The piano part continues with a melody in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

Be - fore our times there could be found
Dan - cés, ca - fes or an - y show

Some great com - pos - ers of world's re - nown
They play rag - time and snap fin - gers so

There's Cho-pin Ver-di and there's Bee-tho-von, And ma-ny oth-ers I
Slow dream-y mu-sic is no more the rage It's rag-time play'd now on

might have cho-sen ev'-ry stage Their mu-sic diff-ered in ma-ny ways, From our
I heard a con-cert the oth-er night All the

rag-time airs and our tan-go craze They all liked their mu-sic
op-ra's ragged it just struck me right And when they ragged Lu-cia

that's no gag, But could they ev-er write a rag?
I did rave, But Cho-pin rose right in his grave.

CHORUS

Cho - pin nev - er wrote a rag, With a

rag - gy be - witch - - ing lov - a - ble drag; - He

nev - er heard of syn - co - pa - tion And - played such

piec - es as "Med - i - ta - tion;" Then there's Mis - ter Liszt with his

p-f

molto rit.

slower

a tempo

mel - o - dies But — who gives a rap — for his

rhap - so - dies — Ver - di nev - er threw his

shoul - ders in the air, And Chop - in nev - er hol - ler'd, "It's a

bear, it's a bear," Be-cause they nev - er wrote a rag. — rag. —

sfz