

MINNIE THE MOOCHER

(THE HO DE HO SONG)

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Slow

First system of piano introduction in G major, 2/4 time, marked 'Slow'. The right hand features a melodic line with a prominent trill on the second measure, while the left hand provides a steady bass accompaniment.

Second system of piano introduction, continuing the melodic and harmonic development from the first system.

Third system of piano introduction, marked 'Vamp'. It features a double bar line and a repeat sign, indicating a rhythmic pattern to be repeated. The right hand has a more active, rhythmic melody.

VOICE



Vocal line with lyrics: "Now here's a sto-ry 'bout Min-nie, the Mooch-er, She was a low-down hooch-y cooch-er, She messed a - round wid abloke named Smokey, She loved him tho' he was a 'coke-y,'"

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Piano accompaniment for the vocal line, providing harmonic support and a steady bass line.

Em Am B7 Em Am6 B7 Cdim Em B7 Em

She was the rough-est, toughest frail, But Min-nie had a heart as big as a whale.
 He took her down to Chi-na-town, And showed her how to kick the gong a-round.

CHORUS

Em

Ho de ho de ho, (Ho de ho de ho) Rah de
 Hi de hi de hi, (Hi de hi de hi) Ree de

dah de dah, (Rah de dah de dah) Tee - die dee de dee (Tee - die
 dah de doo, (Ree de dah de doo) Bo - de dah do dah (Bo - de

1. 2. 3. etc. B7 Em B7

dee de dee) Ho de ho de ho, (Ho de ho - o de ho) Now
 dah do dah) Ho de ho de ho, (Ho de ho - o de ho) She

Em B7 Em B7 Em Am6 B7 Em

2 last time

Ho de ho. Poor Min, Poor Min, Poor Min.

fz

EXTRA VERSES AND CHORUSES

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She had a dream 'bout the King of Sweden
 He gave her things that she was needin'
 Gave her a home built of gold and steel
 A platinum car with diamond-studded wheels

Chorus

Wah de woo de way, Oh Baby,
 Doh de dee de doh, Ho de ho de ho

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He gave her his town house, and racing horses
 Each meal she ate was a dozen courses
 She had a million dollars in nickels and dimes
 And ev'ry day she counted 'em a million times

Chorus

Bee de doo de dow, Oh Minnie,
 Wa de wa de doo, Ho de ho de ho

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Now Min' and Smokey they started jaggin'
 They got a free ride in a wagon
 She gave him the money to pay her bail
 But he left her flat in the County Jail

Chorus

Skee de doo de dee, Skah de dah de dah,
 Skow de dow de dow, Ho de ho de ho.

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Poor Minnie met Old Deacon Low - down
 He preached to her she ought to slow down
 But Minnie wiggled her jelly roll
 Deacon Low - down hollered "Oh save my soul"

Chorus

Yip i yip i ay, Ump i dump i dah,
 Yah de dah de do, Ho de ho de ho

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They took her where they put the crazies
 Now poor old Min' is kickin' up daises
 You've heard my story, this ends the song
 She was just a good gal but they done her wrong

Chorus

Whoop ee doop ee dah, Hi de hi de hi
 Skid a ma rinky dee, Ho de ho de ho