

The Birth of the Blues

The Firehouse Jazz Band

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DeSilva, Brown, Henderson - 1926, Intro: George White's Scandals of 1926
Rec: Paul Whiteman Orch. (#1 Chart Record) 1926, Harry Richman 1926,
Ziggy Elman Orch., Whispering Jack Smith c. 1928, Frank Sinatra 1952, etc.

Concert Pitch

Oh! ————— They say some peo-ple long a - go ————— Were search-ing for a diff-'rent
tune, One that they could croon as on-ly they can. ————— They on-ly had the rhy-thm
So ————— they start-ed sway-ing to and fro. ————— They did-n't know just what to
use, That is how the blues re-al-ly be-gan. ————— They heard the
A breeze jail in the trees Sing-ing weird mel-o-dies, and they made
jail came the trees wail of a weird down - heart-ed frail, and they played
that that the start of the blues. And from a From a whip-poor-
will out on a hill, They took a new note, Pushed it thru a
horn, 'til it was worn in - to a blue note! And then they
C nursed it, re - hearsd it, And gave out the news, That the South -
land gave birth to the blues!

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Solos At "A"