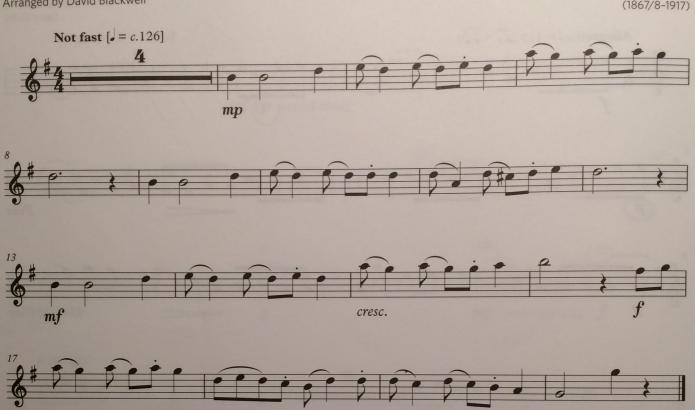
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The Easy Winners

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Scott Joplin (1867/8-1917)



Scott Joplin grew up in Texas, the son of a former slave, and became, as he called himself, 'the King of Ragtime Writers' – a pioneer in print of the ragtime style, which combines the regular tread of marches and dances with the syncopations of African American tradition. This is the first strain of a 'ragtime two-step', which he published in St Louis in 1901. The tempo marking 'Not fast' is an instruction which Joplin repeated in many publications. Note, too, that the classic ragtime style is not thought to have involved swung rhythms: even quavers give the piece its

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