

After performing in minstrel shows and vaudeville houses, Scott Joplin settled down in the town of Sedalia, Missouri, where he composed *Maple Leaf Rag* in 1899. The song's irregular "raggy" rhythm and catchy melody catapulted Joplin into fame when it sold over half a million copies. It also established Joplin as one of America's greatest composers and the undisputed King of Ragtime.

Maple Leaf Rag

Scott Joplin (1868–1917)

Arr. E. L. Lancaster

Kenon D. Renfrow

Tempo di marcia

f

LH detached

4

8

12

8va

mf

p

16

1. 2.

f

5 4 3 2 5 5 4

20

3 2 5 5 4 3 2 5 4 3