

for my smiling son, Josh

Braces Blues

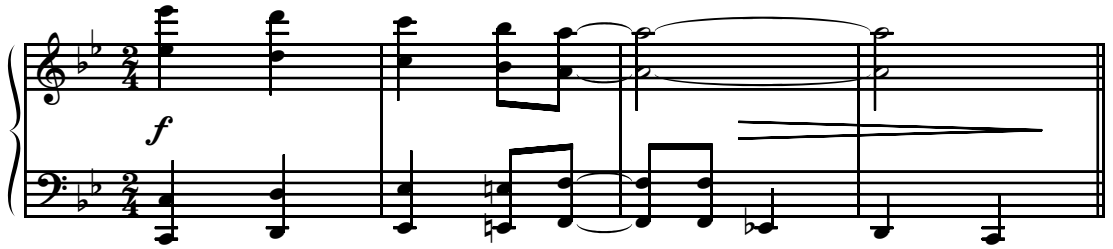
Unison (Opt. Two-part) Chorus and Piano

P. W. W.

Phyllis Wolfe White

Range: 

Moderate swing ♩ = ca. 104 (♩♩ = ³♩)



5 All voices *mf*

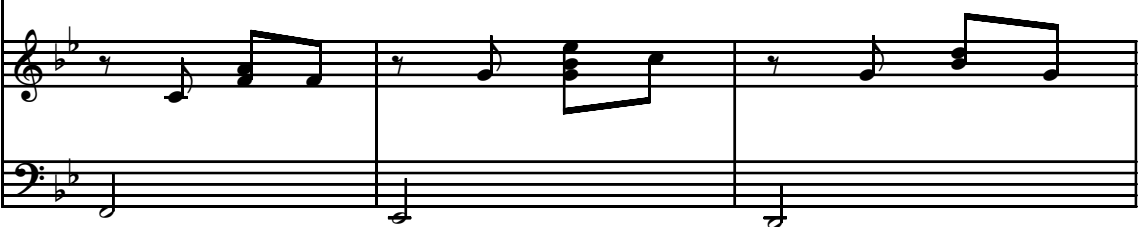


I used to think my smile was such bad news. —
 I did the spac - ers and the mold of white. —



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I went to see the or - tho -
 I wear my head - gear each and



Duration: approx. 3:10

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don - tist for clues. You'd bet - ter be - lieve she had the
 ev - 'ry night. You'd bet - ter be - lieve I brush and

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an - swer and I'm pay - in' my dues. In
 floss four times a day just — right.

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Eigh - teen months of the Brac - es Blues! —
 eigh - teen months I'll be smil - in' bright! —

21 *f*

Good - bye crun - chy, stick - y, chew - y! Good - bye hard and good - bye

25

sweet! Good - bye car - rot sticks and lic - o - rice and

28

things I used to eat! — No pop - corn and Dor -

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i - tos,® car - mel corn or Fri - tos!® (Break your brack - ets

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eat - ing the stuff, you'll find that life's fi - nan - cial - ly rough!

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Brac - es Blues! _____ She's sing - in' the _____

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Brac - es Blues! _____ He's sing - in' 'em!

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Ev - 'ry - bod - y sing _____ the Brac - es Blues! _____

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♩ = ca. 84

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mp (Character impersonating Elvis (sunglasses on, collar up, etc.) saunters down front.)

Buh, buh, buh, brac - es, Buh, buh, buh, brac - es,

mp

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(Elvis runs fingers through hair. Girl swoons.)

Buh, buh, buh, Brac - es Blues! Oh, ba-by!

Elvis: "Oh bay-buh...don't be discouraged. Why, the only thing blue roun' here should be my blue suede shoes! Now remembuh...crooked or straight...you got the smile honey...that I'll ALWAYS appreciate!" (Hip swing, knee pop and "HUH!" or other Elvis gesture on exit.) Music to repeat as needed under narration.

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Buh, buh, buh, brac - es, Buh, buh, buh, brac - es,

D.S. al Coda
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Buh, buh, buh, Brac - es Blues! *D.S. al Coda*
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⊕ CODA

Brac - es Blues, — (I won't be a com - plain-er.)
⊕ CODA

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Brac - es Blues, — (When I'm wear-ing my re - tain-er!)

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Ev - 'ry - bod - y sing! —