

# When You Go A-Courtin'

American folk song  
arr. Jeffrey Benson

Piano

$\text{♩} = 84-92$

*mf*



5 *unis.*

T B

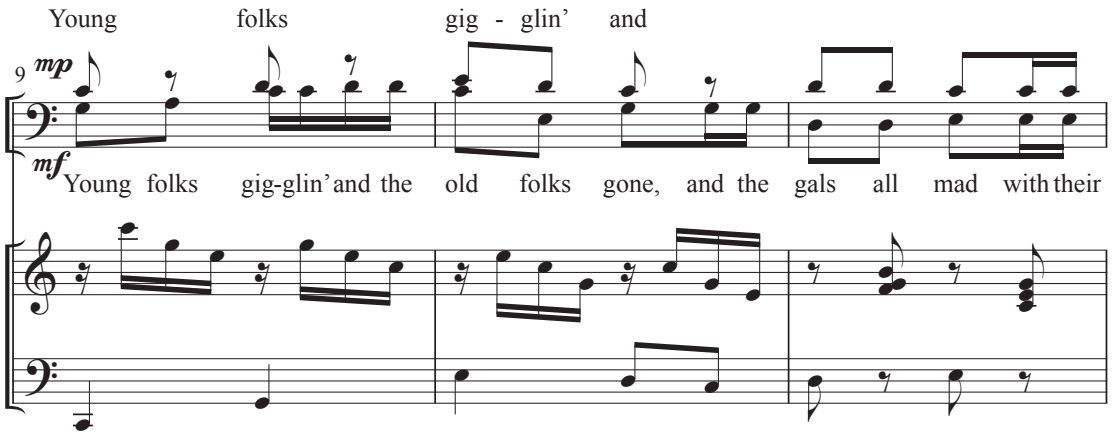
When you go a-court-in' I'll tell you where to go, Down to the old man's house be-low.



9 *mp*

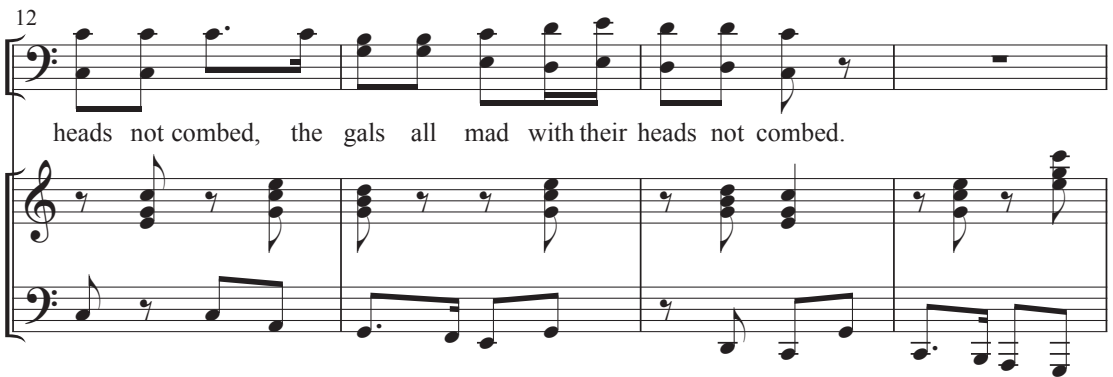
Young folks gig - glin' and

*mf* Young folks gig-glin' and the old folks gone, and the gals all mad with their



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heads not combed, the gals all mad with their heads not combed.



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16 *unis. mf*

S  
A

Lou-si-an-a gals come and lis-ten to my voice:

21 Don't go mar-ry those Tex - as boys, for if you do your for-tune will be

"Don't mar-ry those boys," oo

25 John - ny cake, ven-i-son, and sas-sa-frac tea.

John-ny cake, ven-i-son, and sas-sa-frac tea, John - ny cake and sas-sa-frac tea.

29 *unis. mp*

T  
B

The old dirt - y clothes were

*mp*

Johnny cake was an early American staple of cornmeal flatbread; it is still popular in the New England states. Sassaparilla is a kind of tree; its roots can be used for flavoring tea. Venison is the meat of wild animals, particularly deer.

32 *unis. mp*

S  
A

the house not swept, for we had no broom; had a long-tail coat, Lord,

T  
B

hang-in' on a loom, had a long-tail coat, Lord,

36

greas-y all a-round, and an old leath-er bon-net with a hole in the crown, an

greas-y all a-round, and an old leath-er bon-net with a hole in the crown, an

39

old leath-er bon-net with a hole in the crown.

old leath-er bon-net with a hole in the crown.

*mf*

*8vb*

Simply

*mp* ♩ = 80

43 *rit.*

When they go to preach-in', let me tell ya what they wear,

*rit.* *p* ♩ = 80

An

47 *f a tempo*

An old straw hat, more brim than crown, and a

old leath-er coat all picked and bare, and a

*f* *a tempo*

51

pair of dirt-y socks that we've worn the win-ter round, a pair of dirt-y socks,

pair of dirt-y socks that we've worn the win-ter round, a pair of dirt-y socks, a

*f*