

# Jazz Chants by CAROLYN GRAHAM

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# 1. Sh! Sh! Baby's Sleeping!

I said, Sh! Sh! Baby's sleeping!

I said, Sh! Sh! Baby's sleeping!

What did you say?

What did you say?

I said, Hush! Hush! Baby's sleeping!

I said, Hush! Hush! Baby's sleeping!

What did you say?

What did you say?

I said, Please be quiet, Baby's sleeping!

I said, Please be quiet, Baby's sleeping!

What did you say?

What did you say?

I said, Shut up! Shut up! Baby's sleeping!

I said, Shut up! Shut up! Baby's sleeping!

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Not anymore.

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# 2. Big Mouth John Brown

Who did you see?
I saw John.
John who?
John Brown.
I can't hear you.
I said John Brown.
I can't hear you.
I said John Brown.
I can't hear you.
I said John Brown.
I said John Brown.
John Brown.
John Brown.
What did he say?
Who?
John Brown.
John Brown?
Yes. What did he say?
He didn't say anything.
Nothing?
Not a word.
I don't believe it.
I don't believe it.
Big Mouth John Brown didn't say a word?
Not a word.
I don't believe it. I don't believe it.
Big Mouth John Brown didn't say a word
Big Mouth John Brown didn't say a word.

3. Rain

It was raining, raining, raining hard.

It was falling on my head.

It was falling on the stars.

It was falling on the sun.

It was falling on my shoes.

I got soaking wet.

I got soaking wet.

But I stayed outside.

I stayed outside.

The rain was sweet.

The rain was warm.

The rain was soft.

It reminded me of home.

It was raining, raining, raining hard.

It was falling, falling, falling on the stars.

It was raining, raining, raining hard.

It was falling, falling, falling on the stars.

Soft rain

Raining, raining

Sweet rain

Raining, raining

Warm rain

Raining, raining

Sweet soft Raining, raining

Warm rain Raining, raining

Sweet soft Raining, raining

Warm rain Raining, raining

#### 4. Sally Speaks Spanish, But Not Very Well

Sally speaks Spanish, but not very well.

When she tries to speak Spanish,

You really can't tell what language she's speaking or trying to speak.

The first time I heard her, I thought it was Greek.

# 5. How's His English?

His English is wonderful,

He speaks very well.

His accent is perfect.

You really can't tell

That he isn't a native of the U.S.A.

There's only one problem,

he has nothing to say.

# 6. It's Got to be Somewhere

Where is it? Where is it?

Where is it? Try to remember.

I can't remember.

I can't find it!

She can't find it!

I can't think.

It's got to be here, it's got to be here!

Think back!

It has to be here! It must be here!

It can't think.

It's gone! It's gone! Where did you put it?

It's gone! It's gone! Where did you put it?

Take it easy! Take it easy!

It has to be here.

I can't remember.

It must be here. Oh, here it is, here it is!

It can't be lost. Thank heavens!

It can't be lost. Thank heavens!

It's got to be here. I found it.

It's got to be here. She found it!

Try to remember. Here it is! Here it is!

Try to remember. Whew!

I can't remember.

# 7. Tall Trees

Tall trees, tall trees, big, tall trees

Tall trees, tall trees,

The cost of California is a beautiful sight,

With the tall trees, tall trees, big tall trees, big tall trees, tall trees

# 8. Selfish

This is mine!

That's yours!

Don't touch mine!

Get your own!

This is mine!

That's yours!

This is mine!

That's yours!

This is mine!

That's yours!

That's yours!

That's yours!

Hey, what are you doing?

What are you doing with that?

That's mine!

Hey, what are you doing?

What are you doing with that?

That's his!

Hey, what are you doing?

What are you doing with that?

That's hers!

What's mine is mine.

What's yours is yours.

What's his is his.

What's hers is hers.

What's ours is ours.

What's theirs is theirs.

# 9. What Are You Going to Do at Two?

What are you going to do at two?

What are you going to do?

Where are you going to be at three?

Where are you going to be?

Who are you going to see?

What are you going to say?

How are you going to go?

Where are you going to stay?

What are you going to do?

Who are you going to see?

When are you going to leave?

Where are you going to be?

# 10. Meet Me in the Morning

Meet me in the morning.

Meet me at noon.

Meet me in September, of the middle of June.

Meet me at midnight.

Meet me in the hall.

Meet me in the summer.

Meet me in the fall.

Meet me in the evening.

Meet me at eight.

I'll meet you anytime you want but please don't be late.

# 11. Taking Credit

Whose book is this? Are you sure it's not yours?

It's mine. It's mine. Of course it's not mine! Are you sure it's not his? It's certainly not mine! No, No, it's mine!

Not mine, not mine!

I'm sure!

Whose work is this? Not yours? This beautiful work! Not mine!

It's mine! It's mine! Are you sure?

Whose work is this? It's his! It's his!

This awful work! Not yours? It's his! It's his! Not mine!

It's his! It's his!

It's mine! It's mine!

#### 12. A Bad Day

I overslept and missed my train,

slipped on the sidewalk in the pouring rain,

sprained my ankle, skinned my knees,

broke my glasses, lost my keys,

got stuck in the elevator,

it wouldn't go,

kicked it twice and stubbed my toe,

bought a pen | that didn't write,

took it back and had a fight,

went home angry,

locked the door,

crawled into bed,

couldn't take any more.

#### 13. More Bad Luck

The bread was stale, it was four days old.

The milk was sour.

The coffee was cold.

The butter was rancid.

The steak was tough.

The service was dreadful.

The waiter was rough.

My bill was huge.

His tip was small.

I'm sorry I went to that place at all.

#### 14. Personal Questions

Where were you born?

I'd rather not say.

Where are you from?

I'd rather not say.

How tall are you?

How old are you?

How much do you weigh?

I'd rather not say.

How much rent do you pay:

I'd rather not say.

How much do you make?

I'd rather not say.

Why aren't you married?

I'd rather not say.

Why don't you have children?

I'd rather not say.

Where were you last night?

Why weren't you home?

Did you stay out late?

Did you come home alone?

Did you have a good time?

Did you see a good play?

Did you go to a concert?

I'd rather not say.

#### 15. Do You Know Mary?

Do you know Mary?

Mary who?

Mary McDonald.

Of course I do.

Do you know-her little brother?

Yes, of course I do.

I know-Ker brother, and her mother

And her father too.

Do you know her older sister?

Yes, of course I do.

I know her older sister, Betty

And her younger sister, Sue.

Do you know her Aunt Esther?

Yes, of course I do.

I know her aunts and her uncles

and her cousins too.

Do you know her husband Bobby?

Yes, of course I do.

I know her husband and his brother

and his father too.

# 16. Departure and Return Home

Have a wonderful trip!

Have a wonderful trip!

Don't forget to call me when you get back.

Have a wonderful trip!

Have a wonderful trip!

Don't forget to call me when you get back.

Have a wonderful trip!

Don't worry, I will.

Have a wonderful trip!

Don't worry, I will.

Don't forget to call me.

Don't worry, I won't.

Don't forget to call me.

Don't worry, I won't.

17. Return

Gee, it's good to see you

You look wonderful!

So do you!

It sure has.

It's been a long time!

It's been a long time!

It sure has. чью

I missed you terribly.

Me too!

I'm so glad you're back!

So am I.

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18. <u>On a Diet</u>

First she gave up smoking.

Then she gave up gin.

Then she gave up chocolate cake.

She wanted to be thin.

Then she gave up breakfast.

Then she gave up lunch.

On lazy Sunday mornings she even gave up

brunch.

No matter what she gave up, her skirts were very

tight.

'Cause she ate twelve cans of tuna fish

for dinner every night.

19. Twelve Cans of Tuna Fish Rag

Twelve cans! Twelve cans!

Twelve cans of tuna fish. Twelve cans.

How many cans?

Twelve, twelve.

Did you say twelve?

Yes, I said twelve.

Twelve cans of what?

Twelve cans of fish.

Twelve cans of fish?

Yes, fish, yes, fish.

What kind of fish?

Tuna, tuna.

Twelve cans of tuna fish?

Yes, twelve cans.

Oh, my goodness!

No wonder she's fat!

How often does she eat those twelve cans of tuna?

How often does she eat those twelve big cans?

Every night, every night.

She eats twelve cans of tuna fish

every night.

You're kidding!

Oh, my goodness! No wonder she's fat!

That's a lot of tuna.

It sure is!

That's a lot of tuna.

It sure is!

That's too much tuna, if you ask me.

It sure is! It sure is!

Twelve cans of tuna is a lot of fish if you ask me,

if you ask me.

It sure is!

It sure is!

# 20. Panic on Being Late

What time is it?

What time is it?

Hurry up! Hurry up!

Hurry up! Hurry up!

What time is it?

What time is it?

Please hurry up!

We're going to be late!

Oh, I don't have time to talk to you now.

I'm late, I'm late, I'm terribly late.

Hurry up! Hurry up!

What time is it?

Hurry up! Hurry up!

What time is it?

Hurry up!

What time is it?

Hurry up!

#### 21. Ouch! That Hurts

Ouch! Ouch!

What's the matter? What's the matter?

I stubbed my toe. I got a cramp in my foot.

Oh, that hurts, that hurts. Oh, that hurts, that hurts.

I know that hurts. I know that hurts.

Ouch! Ouch!

What's the matter? What's the matter now?

I bit my tongue. I bumped into the table, tripped on the stairs,

Oh, that hurts, that hurts. slipped on the carpet, fell over the chairs.

I know that hurts. Gee! You're clumsy today!

# 22. Would You Walk to China If You Had the Time?

Would you walk to China if you had the time?

Would you leave at a quarter to three?

Would you walk to China if you had the time?

Would you walk to China with me?

Of course, I'd walk to China if I had the time. I'd leave at a quarter to three.

Of course, I'd walk to China tomorrow night, if I were only free.

Why can't you walk to China tomorrow night?

Why can't you go to China at three?

Why can't you walk out on your sweet sugar cat and sail to China with me?

Well, I have to stay home and take care of my plants

Take care of my darling too,

And I'd never walk out on my sweet sugar cat

and go to China with you.

# 23. Major Decisions

How do you like your coffee? Scrambled, with bacon?

Black! Black!

How do you like your tea?

With lemon, please.

How do you like your steak?

Medium rare.

Hard-boiled?

How do you like your eggs?

I don't care!

I don't care! How about an omelet?

Sunny-side up? I don't care!

I don't care! Come on, tell me!

Poached on toast? This isn't fair.

I don't care! I told you the truth. I really don't care!

#### 24. I Gave It Away

I gave it away.

You what?

I gave it away.

What did you say?

I said I gave it away.

Gave it away?

That's what I said. I said I gave it away.

Why?

Because I wanted to.

You wanted to?

Yes, I wanted to.

Why didn't you sell it?

Sell it?

Yes, sell it, sell it.

Why didn't you sell it?

25. Banker's Wife's Blues

Where does John live?

He lives near the bank.

Where does he work?

He works at the bank.

When does he work?

He works all day and he works all night,

at the bank, at the bank, at the great, big bank.

Where does he study?

He studies at the bank.

Where does he sleep?

He sleeps at the bank.

Why does he spend all day, all night,

all day, all night, at the bank, at the bank?

Because he loves his bank more than his wife

And he loves his money more than his life.

I didn't want to.

Why not? Why not?

I didn't want to.

Why not? Why not?

I didn't want to.

Why didn't you give it to me?

I didn't want to.

Why didn't you give it to him?

I didn't want to.

Why didn't you give it to her?

I didn't want to.

Why didn't you give it to them?

I didn't want to.

I didn't want to.

# 26. Tell Me Your Name

Tell me your name again, please.

Tell me your name.

Tell me your first name.

Tell me your last name.

Spell your name for me, please.

Spell your name.

Pronounce your name for me, please.

Say it again.

What a beautiful name!

What a lovely name!

# 27. **Sand**

If I were home,

If I were home,

I'd run to the beach, take off my shoes and walk in the sand.

I'd shake the sand out of my shoes.

I'd feel it between my toes.

I'd smell wet sand in my hair.

I'd feel it in my eyes.

My face would sparkle from the sand.

I would say, "I hate this sand."

Back home, the bed would be full of sand

and my clothes, and my hair.

I would wake up and feel the sand in my hair.

Oh, it's been so" long since I have felt sand in my hair.

# 28. Late Again

Are you ready? I can't find my socks!

Are you ready? I can't find my socks!

Are you ready to go? Come on, let's go! Not quite, not quite. Let's go, let's go!

Just a minute, don't rush me! I can't find my shoes! Hurry up, hurry up! I can't find my shoes! Hurry up, hurry up! Come on, let's go!

I'll be ready in a minute, Let's go, let's go!

in a minute, in a minute. Your keys are in your hand, I can't find my keys! Your socks are in your shoes, I can't find my keys! Your shoes are on the floor..

Come on, let's go! Let's go, let's go!

Come on, let's go!

# 29. Warning

A hole in the floor?

Watch out! Watch out! Where? Right there!

Watch out! Watch out! Right here? Yes, right there.

Watch out! Are you sure?

There's a hole in the floor! Sure, I'm sure. It's big as a house.

What? Big?

A hole. It's huge. Where? Huge?

In the floor. It's huge.

A huge hole, 'a great big hole, Yes, a hole in the floor, a great big hole in the floor.

A great big hole in the floor. I think you're kidding.

Well, I don't see any hole in the floor. You're teasing me.

I don't see any hole. There's no hole in the . . .

It's there!

#### 30. Friends

Well, I've known Jack for fourteen years.

They're pretty good friends of hers.

He's a pretty good friend of mine. I've known Jim for a long time.

She's known Jack for fourteen years. He's an old, old friend of mine.

He's a pretty good friend of hers. She's known Jim for a long time

And I've known Bill for thirteen years. He's an old, old friend of hers.

He's a pretty good friend of mine. We're old friends, old friends.

She's known Bill for thirteen years. He's a dear, old friend of mine.

He's a pretty good friend of hers.

How long have you known your old friend Sue?

I've known them both for quite a long time. How long have you known dear Claude and Sue?

They're pretty good friends of mine. Well, I met them just before I met you.

She's known them both for quite a long time.

They're my closest friends, dear Claude and Sue.

# 31. Easy Solutions

Gee, I'm hungry; Scratch it.

Have a sandwich. My feet hurt.

Gee, I'm angry! Sit down for a while.

Calm down! My shoes are tight.

Gee, I'm sleepy! Take them off.

Take a nap! I have a toothache.

Gee, it's chilly in here! Go to the dentist.

Put on a sweater. I have a headache.

Gee, it's hot in here! Take some aspirin.

Open a window. I'm lonely!

I've got the hiccups! Call up a friend.

Drink some water. I'm bored!

My nose itches. Go to a movie.

#### 32. Love Song

Does she love him? Yes, she does, yes, she knows it.

Yes, she does. Will he hug her?

Is she happy? Yes, he will.

Yes, she is. Will he kiss her?

Does he know it? Yes, he will.

Yes, he does, yes, he knows it. Will he leave her?

Will she hug him? Yes, he will, if he has to.

Yes, she will. Are they happy?

Will she kiss him? Yes, they are.

Yes, she will. Are they lucky?

Will she leave him? Yes, they are.

Yes, she will, if she has to.

Do they know it?

Does he love her? Yes, they do, yes they know it.

Yes, he does. Will he find somebody new?

Is he happy? Will she find somebody too?

Yes, he is. Yes, they will.

Does she know it? Yes, they will, if they have to.

#### 33. On the Rocks

You never listen to me. She never talks to me.

What did you say? She just sits around. She just sits around.

You never listen to me. She just sits around, and watches TV.

What? She just sits around.

He never listens, to me. He never talks to me.

He never listens to me.

He just sits, around, and watches TV. He just sits around.

She never listens to me.

He never talks to me.

She never talks to me.

He just sits around.

She just sits around, and watches TV. He just sits around.

She never listens to me. He just sits around, and watches TV.

She just sits around. He just sits around.

#### 34. The Beaches of Mexico

Have you ever seen the beaches of Mexico? Well, I've never seen the beaches of Mexico.

Have you ever walked the streets of San Juan?

I've never walked the streets of San Juan.

Have you ever been to Haiti?

I've never been to Haiti.

Have you ever been to Spain?

I've never been to Spain.

Have you ever walked barefoot in a heavy rain?

I've never walked barefoot in a heavy rain.

Have you ever been in trouble? But I've sure been in trouble,

Have you ever been in pain?

I've sure been in pain,

Have you ever been in love?

I've sure been in love,

Would you do it all again? I'd do it all again.

#### 35. I'm Sorry, But...

I'm sorry, but you've got to do better than this.

I'm doing the best I can.

I'm sorry, but you've got to walk faster than this.

I'm walking as fast as I can.

I'm sorry, but you've got to work harder than this.

I'm working as hard as I can.

It's not good enough

It's not good enough

It's not good enough

It's not good enough

I'm doing my best.

Try a little harder.

I'm doing my best.

Try a little harder.

I'm doing my best.

Try a little harder.

I can't, I can't.

Don't say can't.

I won't, I won't but I'm doing my best.

Do a little better.

I'm doing my best.

Do a little better.

I'm doing my best.

Try a little harder.

I'll try, I'll try.

Try a little harder.

I'll try, I'll try.

# 36. Baby Bobby

Betty bought a bright blue blanket for her baby boy.

He cried when he saw it.

He hates bright blue.

Betty bought a blanket.

Betty bought a blanket.

Betty bought a blue blanket.

Betty bought a blue blanket.

Betty bought a bright blue blanket

a bright, blue blanket for her baby boy,

for her baby boy.

He cried when he saw it.

He hates bright blue.

Betty's baby's name is Bobby.

Baby Bobby is a bad, bad boy.

Bobby is a bad, bad baby.

He drives everybody crazy.

Bobby is a bad, bad baby.

Baby Bobby is a bad, bad boy.

Bobby broke his mother's glasses.

Bobby Baby! Why did you do that?

Bobby lost his father's keys.

Bobby Baby! Why did you do that?

Bobby threw the paper in the kitchen sink.

Daddy got very, very angry.

He cut all the buttons off his father's shirt.

Daddy got very, very angry.

Bobby is a bad, bad baby.

Baby Bobby is a bad, bad boy.

#### 37. It's Like Winter Today

It's like winter today.

It looks like winter.

It feels like winter.

Close the windows!

Shut the door!

Light the stove! Hold me!

It's like spring today!

It looks like spring.

It feels like spring.

Open all the windows!

Open the door!

Turn off the stove! Hold me!

#### 38. My Feet Hurt

My feet hurt! It's cold in here!

Take off your shoes! Put on your sweater!

My feet hurt! It's cold in here!

Take off your shoes! Put on your sweater!

My feet hurt! It's cold in here!

Take off your shoes! Put on your sweater!

My feet hurt! My feet hurt!

Take off your shoes! Take off your shoes!

It's hot in here! My hands are cold!

Take off your sweater! Put on your gloves!

It's hot in here! My hands are cold!

Take off your sweater! Put on your gloves!

It's hot in here! My hands are cold!

Take off your sweater! Put on your gloves!

My feet hurt! My feet hurt!

Take off your shoes! Take off your shoes!

#### 39. Mama Knows Best

You shouldn't do it that way. You shouldn't take the train.

You ought to do it this way. You ought to take the bus.

You ought to do it this way. You shouldn't wear that hat.

You ought to do it my way. You ought to cut your hair.

You shouldn't wear it that way. You shouldn't get so fat.

You ought to wear it this way. You ought to eat a pear.

You ought to wear it this way. You shouldn't do it that way.

You ought to wear it my way. You ought to do it this way.

You shouldn't go with them. You ought to do it this way.

You ought to go with us. You ought to do it my way.

# 40. The Fred Poems

Fred Gets Up at Eight O'clock

Fred gets up at eight o'clock, his cats get up at

seven.

His dog wakes up at ten to six, but his bird sleeps

till eleven.

Fred Gave a Party But Nobody Came

Fred gave a party, 'but nobody came.

Nobody came 'but his Mom.

Fred gave a party, 'but nobody came.

Nobody came but Tom.

Tom left early.

Mom went home.

Fred had to stay at his party alone.

Four Fat Flies

I wish I could find those four fat flies

that flew in my window last Friday night.

Four flies flew in, four flies, not three.

One landed on Fred,

three landed on me.

# 41. Big Bill Bell

He's here! He is?

Who's here? Of course he is.

Bill's here. Big Bill. Big Bill Bell.

Bill who? Oh, you mean Bill! Big Bill!

Bill Bell. That's right, that's him!

Bill Bell? You know him very well.

Who's he? Sure I do!

You know him. Big Bill Bell! I do? Big Bill Bell!

Of course you do. I know him very well.

He's a friend of yours.

# 42. Wake Up! Wake Up!

Wake up! Wake up! I don't want to get up.

What time is it? You must get up!

Wake up! Wake up! I don't want to get up.

What time is it? You've got to get up!

It's time to get up. I don't want to get up.

What time is it? Come on, get up!

It's time to get up. I don't want to get up.

What time is it? Get up! Get up! You're going to be late!

Come on, get up! Late for what?

I don't want to get up.

Late for work.

Come on, get up! Late for work?

I don't want to get up. It's Sunday!

You have to get up!

#### 43. Well, He Eats Like a Pig

Well, he eats like a pig, he can't get enough,

He works like a dog, he looks real tough.

He smokes like a chimney, four packs a day.

He sleeps like a log, what more can I say?

He drinks like a fish, scotch on the rocks.

When he gets real mad, he hardly talks.

He cries like a baby when he's feeling sad.

He's the dearest friend I've ever had.

# 44. You're Just Like Your Mother

Stop it! No, I'm not!

Stop what? Yes, you are!

Stop arguing with me. No, I'm not!

I'm not arguing with you. She loves to argue.

Yes, you are. No, she doesn't!
No, I'm not. Yes, she does!

Yes, you are. No, she doesn't!

No, I'm not. Yes, she does!

You are too! No, she doesn't!

I am not! She does too!

I am not! She does too!

You're just like your mother. She does not!

I am not! Don't argue with me!

Yes, you are!

You are too!

She does not!