

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

*p*

8

*mf*

8va

12

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1. 2.

*f*

5 4 3 2 5 5 4

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3 2 5 5 4 3 2 5 4 3