

**SONG #40. "BRING ON THE PEPPER"**

words and music by Irving Berlin  
from Chip Deffaa's YANKEE DOODLE DANDY

**IRVING BERLIN:**

SNAPPY MUSIC IS THE ONLY MUSIC  
THAT WAS EVER MEANT FOR ME;  
A LITTLE SPICE  
IS VERY NICE  
IN EV'RY MELODY.  
LET ME MINGLE WITH A PEPPY JINGLE  
THAT THE JAZZ BANDS LOVE TO PLAY.  
I'M A SWIFTY,  
VERY NIFTY,  
THAT'S WHY I SAY:  
BRING ON THE PEPPER;  
WE NEED A LOT OF PEPPER—  
YOU'VE GOT TO BE A STEPPER  
WITH A BARREL OF SPEED.  
MAKE IT GOOD AND SNAPPY  
IF YOU WANT TO GET BY;  
MAKE 'EM THINK YOU'RE HAPPY  
THOUGH YOU'RE READY TO DIE.  
WHEN YOU BEGIN IT,  
PUT LOTS OF GINGER IN IT—  
ABOUT A MILE A MINUTE  
IS THE TEMPO WE NEED;  
SLOW FOLKS ARE NO FOLKS  
TO TROUBLE WITH, NO INDEED!  
LOTS OF PEP WILL MAKE AN UNDERTAKER  
ROCK WITH JOY AND LAUGHTER;  
IF YOU CAN SPRINKLE A CUTE LITTLE TWINKLE,  
YOU'LL FIND THAT'S THE WRINKLE WE'RE AFTER.  
JUST KEEP A-GOIN'  
AND DON'T FORGET TO THROW IN  
A BIT OF GEORGIE COHAN, THAT WE KNOW;  
LOTS OF TABASCO,  
THAT'S ALL WE ASK, SO  
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(*Exclaimed.*) Everybody!

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