

(SONG #10. "WHAT YOU GOIN' TO DO WHEN THE RENT COMES 'ROUND?")

words by Andrew B. Sterling. Music by Harry Von Tilzer
from Chip Deffaa's THE IRVING BERLIN STORY

HARRY VON TILZER.

RUFUS RASTUS, JOHNSON BROWN,
WHAT YOU GOIN' TO DO WHEN THE RENT COMES 'ROUND?
WHAT YOU GOIN' TO SAY,
HOW YOU GOIN' TO PAY?
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A BIT OF SENSE TILL JUDGEMENT DAY.
YOU KNOW, I KNOW, RENT MEANS DOUGH.
LANDLORD'S GOIN' TO PUT US OUT IN THE SNOW.
RUFUS RASTUS JOHNSON BROWN,
WHAT YOU GOIN' TO DO WHEN THE RENT COMES 'ROUND?

(A BOY OF 13 stands up from a seat in the audience and starts to sing.)

A BOY OF 13. *(with verve:)*

MR. RUFUS, MR. RASTUS, MR JOHNSON BROWN,
OHHHHH! WHAT YOU GOIN' TO DO WHEN THE RENT COMES 'ROUND?

HARRY VON TILZER. Tell me!

A BOY OF 13.

WHAT YOU GOIN' TO SAY?"

HARRY VON TILZER. What?

A BOY OF 13.

HOW YOU GOIN' TO PAY?

HARRY VON TILZER. How?

A BOY OF 13.

YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A BIT OF SENSE—YOU HEAR ME, BOY—NOT TILL
JUDGEMENT DAY.

NOW YOU KNOW AND I KNOW, WE ALL KNOW RENT MEANS DOUGH.

HARRY VON TILZER. Ho!

A BOY OF 13.

LANDLORD'S GOIN' TO PUT US OUT IN THE SNOW.

HARRY VON TILZER. Ten below!

A BOY OF 13.

RUFUS RASTUS, MR. JOHNSON BROWN,

HARRY VON TILZER. Yes?

A BOY OF 13. *(Sings:)*

WHAT YOU GOIN' TO DO,
I SAY, WHAT YOU GOIN' TO DO,
TELL ME, WHAT YOU GOIN' TO DO
WHEN THE RENT COMES 'ROUND?