

Ragtime Soundtrack, New Music

[FATHER]

Where have I been?
How did we change,
Caught in this strange
New music?

Say,

Was I away too long?

[MOTHER]

Just like that tune,
Simple and clear,
I've come to hear
New music.

[FATHER]

New music.

Why,

Why can't you hear the song?

[YOUNGER BROTHER]

His fingers stoke those keys,
And every note says "Please";,
And every chord says "Turn my way."

[MOTHER, FATHER]

I thought I knew

What love was but these lovers play...

[MOTHER, FATHER, YOUNGER BROTHER]

New music!

Haunting me,

And somehow taunting me-

My love was never half as true.

[FATHER]

And I as myself,

Why can't I sing it too?

[WORKERS, NEIGHBORS]

His fingers stoke those keys,
And every note says "Please";,
And every chord says "Turn my way."

[WORKERS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILY]

I thought I knew

What love was

but these lovers play

New music!

[ALL]

Haunting me,

And somehow taunting me-

My love was

Never half as true.

[COALHOUSE]

Sarah, my life has changed.

Sarah, you've got to see.

Sarah, we got a son!

Sarah, come down to me...

[SARAH]

You and your music

Singing deep in me,

Making nice to me,

Saying something so new-

[COALHOUSE]

New

[SARAH]

Changing everything,

Meaning everything,

[COALHOUSE]

Music

[SARAH]
Calling my heart to you...

[COALHOUSE]

All for you, girl.

You, Sarah.

[SARAH]

Play that melody,

Your sweet melody,

Calling my heart to you.

[COALHOUSE]

You.

[ALL (except Coalhouse & Sarah)]

Just like that tune,

Simple and clear,

I've come to hear

New music-

Breaking my heart,

Op'ning a door,

Changing the world!

New music!

I'll

Hear it forevermore!