

# Darktown Strutter's Ball      Shelton Brooks

C                      G7                      C                      G7  
 I've got some good news Honey an invitation to the Darktown Ball  
 G                      G// E7//                      Am//                      D7// G// G7//  
 It's a very swell affair, all the high brows will be there,  
 C                      G7  
 I'll wear my high silk hat, and a frocktail coat,  
 E7                      Am  
 You wear your Paris gown. and your new silk shawl,  
 G                      G// E7//                      Am//                      D7// G// G7//  
 There ain't no doubt about it babe, we'll be the best dressed in the hall.

C                      C// A7//                      D7                      D7  
 I'll be down to get you in a Taxi honey, you better be ready about half past eight,  
 G7                      G7                      C// Cdim// G7  
 Now dearie don't be late, I want to be there when the band starts playing.  
 C                      C// A7//                      D7                      D7  
 Remember when we get there, Honey, the two steps I'm goin' to have em all,  
 F                      Cdim                      C// E7// A7  
 Goin' to dance out both my shoes, when they play the "Jelly Roll Blues,"  
 D7                      G7                      C (G7)  
 Tomorrow night at the Darktown Strutter's Ball.

C                      G7                      C                      G7  
 We'll meet our hightoned neighbors, an exhibition of the "Baby dolls,"  
 G                      G// E7//                      Am//                      D7// G// G7//  
 And each one will do their best, just to outclass all the rest,  
 C                      G7  
 And there'll be dancers from ev'ry foreign land,  
 E7                      Am  
 The classic buck and wing, and the wooden clog:  
 G                      G// E7//                      Am//                      D7// G// G7//  
 We'll win that fifty dollar prize, when we step out and "Walk the Dog."

