

It is
illegal
to make
unauthorized
copies of this
copyright
music.

B:2

The Easy Winners

Arranged by David Blackwell

Scott Joplin
(1867/8-1917)

Not fast [$\text{♩} = c.126$]

4

mp

8

13

mf *cresc.* *f*

17

Scott Joplin grew up in Texas, the son of a former slave, and became, as he called himself, 'the King of Ragtime Writers' - a pioneer in print of the ragtime style, which combines the regular tread of marches and dances with the syncopations of African American tradition. This is the first strain of a 'ragtime two-step' which he published in St Louis in 1901. The tempo marking 'Not fast' is an instruction which Joplin repeated in many publications. Note, too, that the classic ragtime style is not thought to have involved swung rhythms: even quavers give the piece its characteristic strutting movement.

© 2017 by The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

AB 3830a