



DUKE OF EARL

WRITTEN AND
RECORDED IN 1961

F Duke Duke Duke of Earl. **Dm** Duke Duke Duke of Earl. **Bb** Duke Duke Duke of Earl. **C** Duke Duke Duke of Earl. **F** Duke Duke Duke of Earl. **Dm** Duke Duke Duke of Earl. **Bb** Duke Duke Duke of Earl. **C** Duke Duke Duke of Earl. **F** Duke Duke Duke of Earl.

F As I... WALK THROUGH THIS WORLD NOTHING CAN STOP... **Dm** THE DUKE OF EARL. **C**

F And you, you ARE MY GIRL. **Dm** And no one can hurt you - **Bb** oh no **Bb**

G Yes-A I... know I'm gonna love you - **C** oh, oh - some one let me hold you darling 'cause I'm the Duke of Earl. **C**

So, Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

F And when I hold you, you ARE my Duchess, **Dm** Duchess of Earl. **Bb** **C**

F We'll walk through my Dukedom, **Dm** and a Paradise we will share **Bb** **C**

C Yes-A I... know I'm gonna love you - **C** oh, oh - nothing can stop me now 'cause I'm the Duke of Earl. **C**

So, Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

F Hoo oo oo oo oo **Dm** Hoo oo oo oo **Bb** A A A AH **C**

F Yeah I... know I'm gonna love you - **Dm** oh, oh - nothing can stop me now, 'cause I'm the Duke of Earl. **Bb** **C**

So, Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

F Hoo oo oo oo oo **Dm** Hoo oo oo **Bb** YA A A A **C**

F Hoo oo oo oo oo **Dm** Hoo oo oo..... **Bb** **C**

First recorded by The Dukays for Nat Records. Vee Jay records bought it and had one of their members, Eugene Dixon, change his name to Gene Chandler and take credit for it. Vee Jay bought the master tapes to "Duke of Earl" and wanted to release it immediately, but Nat Records did not want the Dukays' name on the record (their song "Night Owl" was struggling to make the charts) so the producers offered Eugene Dixon a choice: Start a solo career with "Duke of Earl" and be replaced as lead singer of the Dukays by a man named Charles Davis, or stay with the Dukays and have Davis start HIS solo career with "Duke of Earl." Chandler chose option #2 with the blessings of the group and the rest is history. The songs "Duke" is Earl Edwards, the founder of The Dukays.

