

Minnie the Moocher



Cab Calloway

Am
Folks, here's the story 'bout Minnie the Moocher,
F7 E7 Am
She was a low-down hoochie-cootcher,
Am
She was the roughest, toughest frail,
F7 E7 Am
But Minnie had a heart as big as a whale.



CHORUS

Am
Hi-de-hi-de-hi-di-hi! (Hi-de-hi-de-hi-di-hi!)
Ho-de-ho-de-ho-de-ho! (Ho-de-ho-de-ho-de-ho!)
He-de-he-de-he-de-he! (He-de-he-de-he-de-he!)
Hi-de-hi-de-hi-de-ho! (Hi-de-hi-de-hi-de-ho!)

Am
She messed around with a bloke named Smoky,
F7 E7 Am
She loved him though he was "cokie,"
Am
He took her down to Chinatown,
F7 E7 Am
And he showed her how to kick the gong around. **CHORUS**

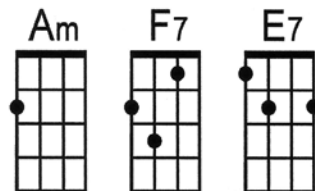
This jazz song famous for its ad-libbed "scat" lyrics was first recorded in 1931 by Cab Calloway and His Orchestra, and sold over 1 million copies. In performances, Calloway would have the audience participate by repeating each scat phrase in a form of call and response.

Am
She had a dream about the King of Sweden,
F7 E7 Am
He gave her things that she was needin',
Am
He gave her a house built of gold and steel,
F7 E7 Am
A diamond car with a platinum wheel. **CHORUS**

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Am
He gave her his townhouse and his racing horses,
F7 E7 Am
Each meal she ate was a dozen courses;
Am
She had a million dollars worth of nickels and dimes,
F7 E7 Am
And she sat around and counted them a million times. **CHORUS 2X**



END: Am F7 E7 Am
Poor Min, poor Min, poor Min...