The Darktown Strutters' Ball
Words and Music by Shelton Brooks

Arranged by Ron Zuckerman

Dulcimer Melody

I've got some good news, Honey, An invitation to the Darktown Ball, It's a
We'll meet our high-toned neighbors, An exhibition of the "Baby Dolls," And each
And everyone will do their best, Just to outclass all the rest, And there'll be
dolled up, Their new silk shawl, Thus there's no doubt about it. You wear a Par-
weary to foreign land, The classic, buck and wing, and the wooden clog. We'll win that fifty
dollar prize, When we step out and "Walk the Dog." I'll be down to get you in a
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T    A       B
D7
A7
G

Tax-i hon-ey You bet-ter be read- y a-bout half past eight. - Now dear-ie,

C        Am    D7    G        C

don't be late, - I want to be there when the band starts play-ing Re-mem-ber when we got there, Hon-ey, The

D7
G
B
C
E7

two steps I'm goin' to have 'em all, - Goin' to dance out both my shoes: - When they play the "Jel- ly Roll

A7
D7
G

Blues" To-mor-row night, - at the Dark-town Strut- ters' Ball. -
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