



# **DANCE CRAZY!**

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# DANCE CRAZY!

## 1. The Jazz Age

(part of the *Dance Crazy!* song-cycle)

When the band struck up that rhythm  
Syncopation filled the room  
You could see the flapper on the dance floor

Her short dress was oh so shocking  
The Dixieland was hot and loud  
That's what they called the Roaring Twenties

When the Charleston was the rage\*  
From New York to Adelaide  
The Floating Palais on the Torrens  
In the Jazz Age

The wireless and the television  
Loudspeakers and penicillin  
All had their dawning  
In the Jazz Age

Louis taught the world to scat  
Doo-be-doo-bup, doo-bop, doo-bow!  
Yeah man that's where it's at  
Flip-flop, skidaly-bop, shoo-be-doo-wah!

### *Instrumental*

When the Charleston was the rage\*  
From New York to Adelaide  
The Floating Palais on the Torrens  
In the Jazz Age

Then Wall Street had a crash  
Fortunes vanished in a flash  
The money all ran out  
In the Jazz Age  
But the dancing never stopped  
In the Jazz Age.....yeah!

### *\* alternate lyric*

When the Charleston was the rage  
From New York to Saint-Tropez  
Ev'rybody kicked their heals up  
In the Jazz Age

## **2. Jitterbug, Jive and Boogie-Woogie** (part of the *Dance Crazy!* song-cycle)

### ***Chorus***

Jitterbug, Jive and Boogie-Woogie  
Lift your partner in the air  
Jitterbug, Jive and Boogie-Woogie  
Swing them around to the big band sound

### ***Verse 1***

Listen to the drums pound out that rhythm  
As the trumpets play their tune  
The double bass walks and the piano strides  
To the saxophones and the slide trombone

### ***Verse 2***

Duke Ellington and Count Basie  
Were the royalty of Swing  
Benny Goodman and his band  
Had 'em dancing in the aisles..... and the place went wild

### ***Chorus***

Jitterbug, Jive and Boogie-Woogie  
Lift your partner in the air  
Jitterbug, Jive and Boogie-Woogie  
Swing them around to the big band sound

### ***Bridge***

Cab Calloway singing Minnie The Moocher  
Glenn Miller's got you In The Mood  
Zoot suits and Bobby-soxers  
Doin' the Jitterbug, doin' the Jive  
The Boogie-woogie made them feel fine.

### **Instrumental**

### ***Chorus***

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Swing them around to the big band sound

### 3. Dance Craze Crazy (That's Rock'n'Roll)

(part of the *Dance Crazy!* song-cycle)

#### VERSE 1

'Rock Around The Clock!' Bill Haley cried  
That was nineteen-fifty-five  
Then came Elvis, Elvis the Pelvis  
Made the girls all scream and cry  
Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!

#### CHORUS

Dance, dance, rock'n'roll  
Do the Twist and do the Stroll  
The Fish, The Swim and the Monkey too  
Mashed Potato and The Boogaloo  
Dance craze crazy, that's rock'n'roll

#### VERSE 2

The Beatles in nineteen-sixty-two  
Showed the world what they could do  
Mop-top hair, shaking in the air  
Love Me Do and She Loves You  
Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!

#### CHORUS

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Do the Twist and do the Stroll  
The Fish, The Swim and the Monkey too  
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#### BRIDGE

Back-beat drums they were knock, knock, knocking  
Electric guitars they were rock, rock, rocking  
Go-go girls they were bop, bop, bopping  
They were all having fun! Go-go!

#### Instrumental

Martin Luther King in sixty-three  
Had a dream that he could see  
Black and white dancing through the night  
Everybody would be free  
Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!

#### CHORUS

Dance, dance, rock'n'roll  
Do the Twist and do the Stroll  
The Fish, The Swim and the Monkey too  
Mashed Potato and The Boogaloo  
Dance craze crazy, that's rockin'  
Dance craze crazy, that's rockin'  
Dance craze crazy, that's rock'n'roll

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#### 4. DISCO DIVA

(part of the *Dance Crazy!* song-cycle)

##### VERSE 1

*(Soloist)*

The DJ plays my song so you can dance  
You're on the dance floor in your gold hotpants  
Beneath the mirrorball  
I hope you do not fall  
Those platform shoes can be so risky

##### CHORUS

*(Soloist & Choir)*

D-I-S-C-O

The bass is thumping  
My heart is pumping  
At the D-I-S-C-O  
The music is loud  
I'm a part of the crowd  
At the D-I-S-C-O

##### VERSE 2

*(Soloist)*

I am a Disco Diva  
My songs go on and on forever  
White suit and perfect hair  
One arm high in the air  
That man has Saturday Night Fever  
Oh, oh, oh!

Choir:

Disco Diva  
Forever and ever  
Ah-ah  
Ah-Ah  
That man has Saturday Night Fever  
Oh, oh, oh!

##### CHORUS

##### BRIDGE

Choir:

Disco  
Diva  
Disco  
Ah, ah, ah, ah

Soloist:

The Madison  
The Hustle  
The Bee Gees  
Ah, ah, ah, ah

Disco  
Diva  
Disco  
John Travolta

Do the Bump  
Let's Boogie  
We can dance like  
John Travolta

*(Soloist)*

Star Wars took the world by storm  
The Sydney Opera House was born  
The Walkman was the latest craze  
The Seventies were disco days

*(Choir)*

Look out Diva, here comes Punk  
You could very soon be sunk

*(Soloist)*

No, not me I will survive  
Disco divas never die!

*(Choir)*

*(Soloist)*

Disco  
Diva  
Disco  
Ah, ah, ah, ah

The Madison  
The Hustle  
The Bee Gees  
Ah, ah, ah, ah

Disco  
Diva  
Disco  
John Travolta

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### VERSE 3

*(Soloist)*

I am a Disco Diva  
My spirit will live on forever  
Through Kylie, Britney or Cher  
Where there's disco I will be there  
To keep us dancing all together  
Oh, oh, oh!

*(Choir)*

Disco Diva  
Forever and ever  
Ah-ah  
Ah-ah  
To keep us dancing all together  
Oh, oh, oh!

### CHORUS

*(Soloist & Choir)*

D-I-S-C-O  
The bass is thumping  
My heart is pumping  
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The music is loud  
I'm a part of the crowd  
At the D-I-S-C-O  
D-I-S-C-O

## 5. MIXING THE BEATS

(part of the *Dance Crazy!* song-cycle)

CHORUS:

(Choir)

Everybody's moving to the Beat

Everybody's getting to their feet

In the clubs, at home and in the street

goin' on

Music makes us dance each time we meet

BRIDGE:

Bah bup bah bah

Hey DJ mix us up some beats now

Bah bup bah bah

Hey won't you serve us up a treat now

VERSE:

Boom-Ch! b-boom-boom-Ch! Boom

Boom-Ch! b-boom-boom-Ch! Boom

Boom-Ch! b-boom-boom-Ch! Boom

Boom-Ch! b-boom-boom-Ch! Boom

the street

Boom-Ch! b-boom-boom-Ch! Boom

Boom-Ch! b-boom-boom-Ch! Boom

Beat

Hip hop, hip hop, hip, hip, hip, hip hop

Boom-Ch! b-boom-boom-Ch! Boom  
your feet

Boom-Ch! b-boom-boom-Ch! Boom

Boom-Ch! b-boom-boom-Ch! Boom

.....A new dance sound

CHORUS:

Everybody's moving to the Beat

Everybody's getting to their feet

In the clubs, at home and in the street

Music makes us dance each time we meet

(DJ/Rapper)

Hey everybody I'm your DJ

Won't you listen to music that the DJ play

Don't just sit there in your seat

Get up, stand up 'cos you're in for a treat

It doesn't matter if your all alone

Cos when the music starts there's a party

Whether you're happy or feeling blue

There's a beat that will be just right for you

House, Techno, Rave, Trance,

Drum'n'Bass and Euro Dance

Electronica, Jungle, Garage

Old Skool, Breakbeat, br-br-br-Breakbeat

DJs started rapping to the Beat

In the nineteen-eighties when they took it to

To add to the rhythm and increase the heat

They would scratch, scratch, scratch to the

Spinning on your head on your back and on

Breakdancing to the hip hop beat

Spinning those records up down and around

Mix it all together for a new dance sound

From Africa long ago, far away

To everybody here in the house today

From the Jazz Age and the flap, flap, flapper

To the DJs, clubbing and the rap, rap, rapper

The Beat is in you and the Beat is in me

The Beat will set your soles free!

OK everybody in the house out there

Come join our party there's music in the air

BRIDGE:

Bah bup bah bah  
Hey DJ mix us up some beats now

That's our story and it's all true  
The story of how the Beat came through

Bah bup bah bah  
Hey won't you serve us up a treat now

It came from the heart and it moved our feet  
Everybody dance now to that Beat!

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*(Soloist & Choir)*

Oh, oh, oh!  
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