

Poisoning Pigeons in the Park

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Vernally

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top staff is for the piano, indicated by a treble clef and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The second staff is for the vocal part, starting with a C major chord. The third staff continues the vocal line with a D major chord. The fourth staff is for the piano again, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/4. The vocal part begins with the lyrics "Spring is here, a-suh-puh-ring is here, Life is". The piano accompaniment features eighth-note chords. The vocal part continues with "skit-tles and life is beer, I think the love-li-est", followed by "time of the year is the spring. I do, don't you? Course you". The piano accompaniment includes a dynamic marking "mf" (mezzo-forte) and a tempo marking "poco rit." (poco ritardo).

Verse
C A⁷ D⁷ G⁷ C

Spring is here, a-suh-puh-ring is here, Life is

A⁷ D⁷ G⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷

skit-tles and life is beer, I think the love-li-est

C G⁷ C (Spoken) A⁷ D⁷

time of the year is the spring. I do, don't you? Course you

poco rit.

G7 (Sung) Dm G7 C

do! But there's one thing that makes spring com - plete for me,

D7 G G dim G7

— And makes ev - 'ry Sun - day a treat for me.

poco rit.

Refrain

All the world seems in tune on a spring af - ter - noon, When we're
(So if) Sun - day you're free, why don't you come with me, And we'll

mf a tempo

G dim G7 Dm

poi - son - ing pi - geons in the park. Ev - 'ry Sun - day you'll
poi - son the pi - geons in the park. And may - be we'll

F+ F Dm⁶ G⁷

see in my sweet-heart and me, As we poi - son the pi - geons in the
 do in a squir-rel or two, While we're poi - son-ing pi - geons in the

C Fm

park. When they see us com - ing, the bird - ies all
 park. We'll mur - der them all a - mid laugh - ter and

D⁷ G⁷

try an' hide, But they still go for the pea - nuts when coat - ed with
 mer-ri-ment, Ex - cept for the few we take home to ex -

tempo ad lib.

C C maj⁷ C⁶

cy - an - hide. The sun's shin - ing bright, Ev - 'ry - thing seems all
 per - i - ment. My pulse will be quick-en - in' with each drop of

a tempo

C ¹D7 G7 C To Interlude

right, When we're poi - son-ing pi - geons in the park. _____ We've
stry-ch'n-ine we

²D7 G7 D7 G7

feed to a pi - geon. (It just takes a smid - gin!) To

D7 G7 C Fine

poi - son a pi - geon in the park. _____

INTERLUDE G7sus⁴ G7 C maj⁷ C⁶

gained no - to - ri - e - ty And caused much an - xi - e - ty in the

G^{7sus4} G⁷ C maj⁷ C⁶ A^{7 sus4}
 Au-du-bon So - ci-e-ty with our games. They call it im -

A⁷ D maj⁷ D⁶ A^{7 sus4} A⁷
 pi-e-ty, and lack of pro - pri-e-ty, And quite a va - ri-e-ty of

D D⁷ G
 un - pleas-ant names. But it's not a - gainst an - y re - li - gion

D.S. al Fine
 G⁷⁺ \$
 To want to dis - pose of a pi - geon. So if

poco a poco rit.