

Baby Doll

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Medium tempo

(♩ = $\overset{\frown}{\text{3}} \overset{\frown}{\text{♩}}$)

F *mf* D⁷ G⁷ C⁷ F
Hon - ey there's a fun - ny feel - ing 'round my heart, and it's

D⁷ G⁷ C⁷ F C⁷ F
bound to drive your ma - ma wild. It must be some-thing they

C G⁷ C⁷
call the Cu - ban Doll, — it weren't your ma - ma's an - gel child. I

F⁷ B^b G⁹ C¹³
went to see the doc - tor the oth - er day, he said I's well as well could

F G⁷
be: But I said, "Doc - tor, you don't know —

C⁷ F F/E^b
real - ly what's — wor - ry - ing me. — I want to be some - bo - dy's

D⁷ G⁹ C¹³ F
ba - by doll, so I can get — my lov - ing — all the time. I

F/E^b D⁷ G⁷ C⁷

want to be some - bo - dy's ba - - by doll, - to ease my mind. -

F⁷ B^b maj⁷

He can be ug - ly, he can be black, so long as he can ea - gle rock and

B^{dim} F F/E^b D⁷

ball the jack. - I want to be some - bo - dy's ba - by doll, so I can get -

G⁹ C⁹ F D⁷ G⁹ C⁷

- my lov - in' - all the time; I mean - to get my lov - in' all - the

F C⁷ F⁷

time. - Lord, I went to the - gyp - sy to get my for - tune told; She said "You in

B^b maj⁷ B^{dim}

hard luck, Bes - sie, dog - gone your bad luck soul!" - I

F F/E^b D⁷ G⁹ C⁹

want to be some - bo - dy's ba - - by doll, so I can get - my lov - in' - all the

F D⁷ G⁹ C⁷ F

time; I mean - to get my lov - in' all - the time. -