## AT HOME I'M MY WIFE'S HUSBAND, BUT WHEN I'M AWAY I'M"ME".

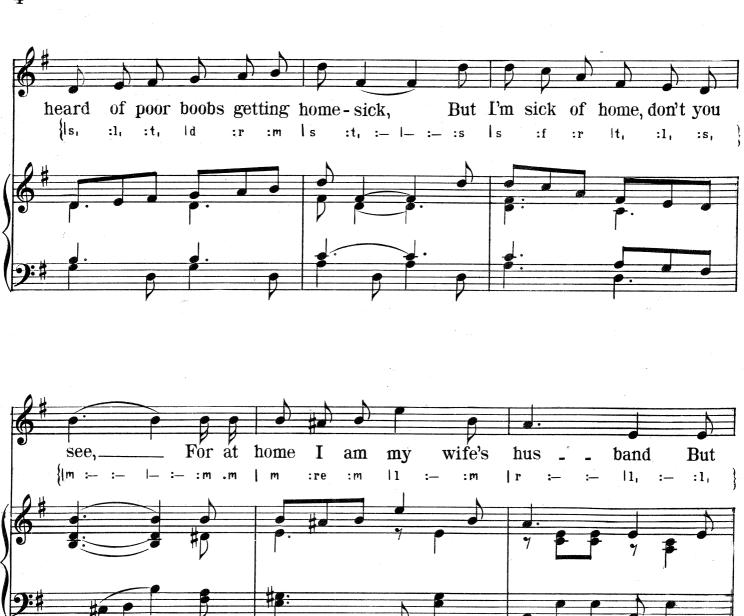
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Now I sag all the day at the office,
From ten in the morning till three;
With breaks just for lunch and for coffees,
And for "rousers" and afternoon tea.
So you'll guess when my labours are ended,
I am jaded and sand-bagged and flat,
I feel three-quarters dead, and when all's done and said,
Home's no place for a fellow like that.

Home! Home! There's no place like home!
That's why from my home I'm so anxious to roam,
I step on the mat and hang up my hat,
As pleased as a mouse shaking hands with a cat;
When in I'm a positive Jonah,
When I'm not, what a whale I can be,
For at home I am my wife's husband,
But when I'm away— I'm ME!

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In the street late one night with a crony,
An argument led to a "barge,"
A constable, zealous and bony,
Quite mistakenly took us in charge.
At the Station the sergeant dismissed us,
Said my pal, "Let's go home, Brigadier!"
I said, "Gladly, old bean, if it's your home you mean,
If it's mine— then I'd rather stay here."

Home! Home! There's no place like home!
That's why from my home I'm so anxious to roam,
For when I am out I "Kruschen" about,
You'd think I was single and troubles without.
Indoors I'm the early bird's breakfast,
I'm the puppy dog's tail when I'm free,
For at home I am my wife's husband,
But when I'm away— I'm ME!

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When last night I turned in at twelve-thirty,
I'd the happiest shock of my life;
And never so much as felt "shirty"
That I'd not had a hint from the wife.
For I found that a sweet little stranger
Had arrived to make home a delight:
Now I've altered my plan, I'm a home-keeping man,
I'll be there, sure as rain, every night.

Home! Home! There's no place like home!
And now I've no wish or intention to roam;
For since Maudie came (Yes, that is her name)
I swear the old place doesn't seem like the same.
(For Maudie's our pretty new housemaid)
And she's slipped the glad optic to me,
So at home I am my wife's husband,
But when she goes out— OH GEE!!!