

I'VE BEEN FEEDING THE CHICKENS

(THE NEW EXCUSE)



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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 2/4 time, marked *ff* (fortissimo), featuring chords and eighth-note patterns. The first vocal line starts with a rest, followed by the lyrics: "Bill Smith was mar-ried to a girl who Now Miss-us Smith took that ex-cuse with". The piano accompaniment for this section is marked *p* (piano) and includes a "VAMP" section. The second vocal line continues with: "joined the suf-fra-gettes, In their back yard they just a grain of salt She knew her hus-band". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth notes. The third vocal line concludes with: "had a lot of chick-ens just for pets, One was a flirt; that was his on-ly fault, 'See". The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord and a fermata over the bass line.

ff

p

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night Bill did - n't reach his home from work till just at four, He'd
here," said she, "now, what is this? some can - dy in your coat. Now,

dined out with some la - dy friends; wife met him at the door. She
do you think that kind of food is for a chick - ens throat? Bill

said, "young man, where have you been till now?" Bill
said; now, hon - ey won't you lis - ten do. I

said to her, "now, do not start a row."
tho't I'd bring that can - dy home for you.

rit.

CHO.

I've been feed-ing the chick-ens, my dar ling don't fret, So

do not raise the dick-ens for I've been good,you bet, I

love the chick-ens, yes, I do, I've watch'd each chicken as it grew; Be - lieve me,dear,I've

just been feed-ing chick - - ens. I've been chick - - ens.

p-ff

poco rit.

a tempo

fz

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