

My Baby Just Cares For Me

This was just one of three hit songs from the 1930 musical *Whoopee* starring Eddie Cantor and Ruth Etting. The song, like so many others, had a verse, but only the chorus is performed these days. In 1957 the American singer Nina Simone released her version of the song ... and it quickly became her signature piece.

Performance notes: Cantor's version is quite a bit faster ($\text{♩}=175$), than Simone's ($\text{♩}=125$). Pick a comfortable tempo for you and your audience. In bar 22 there are 2 notes indicating a percussive note. They are notated as "x"s and can be "played" by tapping your bellows or even just pounding your foot. You should be aware that bar 22 has been modified from the original to match Simone's, and the 8 bar introduction is some silliness written by the arranger.

Moderately $\text{♩}=140$

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My bab-y don't care for shoes My bab-y don't care for clothes My bab-y just

cares for me. My bab-y don't care for cars and

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20 **Dm7b5 G7 Cm F7#11 Fm7 Eb7**

rac - es My bab-y don't care for high - tone plac - es.

25 **Eb Ab#11 Eb Ab7#11 Gdim**

iz Toy-lovis not his style and ev-en Lana Turn-er's smile Is so-me-thin'

30 **Gbdim Fm Ab A7b5 D7 Abm7 Db7**

he can't see. My bab-y don't care who knows

36 **Gm7 C7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb**

it My bab-y just cares for me.

1. 2.
3 2 4 2