The theme song of the Count Basie Band, this song is an amalgam of riffs hat it ever jous players in Basie's band would improvise during performances. Some of the best ever players. Saxop to usts Herschel Evans and Lester Young, trumpeter Buck Clayton, bassist Walter Page on bass, and of course Basie on piano made for an unstoppable combination. This piece was first recorded 1937 and has since become a classic of the genre.

**Performance notes:** Like they say: "Ya gotta have the swing!" Some suggested walking bass runs are indicated in this score, but you are free to make up your owi Just keep it moving. Bass notes should be played tenuto (long) and the chords should be staccato (she t). And the the jazz guys say, for the melody "the eight notes are long and the quarter notes are short!"









