# PIANO TRANSCRIPTIONS OF FAMOUS SONGS BY JEROME KERN

ARRANGED IN CLASSICAL STYLE BY

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JEROME KERN This world-famous Composer was born in New York on 27th January, 1885. At the age of eighteen he came to England, where he commenced his earliest compositions, which were introduced into the popular Musical Plays then running in London. A notable early success was his number entitled "They Didn't Believe Me". Jerome Kern was at one time part of that great triumvirate in musical productions, namely Guy Bolton, P. G. Wodehouse and himself. He has also collaborated with Harry B. Smith, Anne Caldwell, Oscar Hammerstein II and Otto Harbach.

Jerome Kern's music is conducive to sales. His music construction is never trite and in his melodies he shuns the commonplace. This sometimes makes for a rather charming elusiveness. When a Kern melody, haunts you, you find yourself eagerly purchasing the music.

He feels, however, that he is most successful when writing simple folk-songs, and he has gained recognition for this type of melody. "The Night was Made for Love" has been appropriated as a French tune; "Ol' Man River" is accepted as a Negro Spiritual; "Ka-lu-a" as a native Hawaiian composition, and "Twas not so long ago" as a German Lied.

When composing, Jerome Kern goes into a physical and mental retirement, in which he follows the example of Richard Wagner. Kern, too, steeps himself in the characters with which the librettist supplies him and allows his imagination to absorb him completely, still permitting his musical fingers to mark down his interpretations as they come to him.

The popularity of Jerome Kern has consistently increased from his earliest successes, and to-day it can be truthfully said that he is one of the foremost Composers of musical plays and films. His work is always musicianly, with a keen sense of melodic charm. A list of his many musical plays, including the world-famous "SHOW BOAT", conjures up in one's mind some of the great outstanding successes of past years.

Jerome Kern readily adapted himself to Talking Films, and he has composed the music for a number of recent Film successes.

## SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES

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### OL' MAN RIVER

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#### YESTERDAY



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#### MAKE BELIEVE

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#### THE SONG IS YOU

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