



# ON THE BALL!

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\* FOOTBALL SONG \*

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MUSIC BY

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## Football Song.

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*Marcia, con spirito.*

VOICE.  *ff* 



*mf cresc.*



*ff* *ff<sub>2</sub>*

*Red.* \* *Red.* \*

Lively, with spirit.

The piano introduction consists of two systems of staves. The first system shows a treble clef staff with a few notes and a bass clef staff with a rhythmic accompaniment. The second system continues the accompaniment with a forte (*ff*) dynamic marking. The key signature has two flats (B-flat major), and the time signature is 2/4. There are some markings like 'ff' and a small asterisk at the end of the second system.

Key Bb.

The first system of the vocal part includes a treble clef staff with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Here's a cheer for the grand old game, And a". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The key signature is B-flat major.

The second system of the vocal part continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "cheer for the men who play, — Here's a shout for the boys at". The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the previous system.

The final system of the vocal part concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "home, — And a yell for the lads a - way! Hur - ray!". The word "Shout." is written above the final vocal notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support throughout.

CHORUS.

{ d . d | d : - : - | - : t, : l, | t, : - : - | - : l, : s, | m, : - : s, | l, : t, : s, | l, : - : d | m : - : }

On the ball,— on the ball,— Loud and clear it rings like a trum-pet call!

{ m, : - : m, | f, : - : f, | s, : - : s, | l, : - : t, | d : l, : - : | - : : t, | d : - : r | m : - : r . d }

Hear the shouts ex - ci - ted roll, Buck up there! Look out in goal! On the

{ m : - : | m : - : } **ff** { m : - : | - : : d . l, | s, : - : - | - : : t, . r | d : - : - | - : }

**ff** ball! ball! ball! — On the ball, — on the ball! —

D.C. %

After last Chorus.

**ff**

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## FOOTBALL SONG.

1.

Here's a cheer for the grand old game,  
And a cheer for the men who play,  
Here's a shout for the boys at home,  
And a yell for the lads away!

Hurray!

*Chorus.* On the ball, on the ball,  
Loud and clear it rings like a trumpet call!  
Hear the shouts excited roll,  
Buck up there! Look out in goal!  
On the ball, ball, ball,  
On the ball, on the ball!

2.

Though the stormy winds do blow,  
And the sleet or rain may fall,  
Hang the weather, lads, let it go,  
Buck up, and out with the ball,

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

3.

If your goalie lets them through,  
Or your crack man suddenly crooks,  
Don't be downhearted boys,  
Play harder and give them socks!

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

4.

If the finish is getting near,  
And you've had a knocking about,  
Good old Soccer's all touch and go,  
There's a chance till they turn you out,

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

5.

If a man doesn't come up to scratch,  
Don't say he's the worst you've seen,  
It's all right to shout at a match  
But remember he's not a machine,

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

6.

There's many a game been won,  
By a side that looked done in,  
On the leather, lads! Bang it through,  
Just stick to your guns and win,

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

## EXTRA VERSES.

1.

When a penalty's given against,  
And of course you don't agree,  
Keep your temper— that's if you can—  
And don't kill the referee!

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

2.

When the boys are off their form,  
And they don't know how to win,  
Don't shout nasty things or swear,  
But stick to 'em, thick and thin,

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

3.

When you've got a chance in a sweep,  
And the odd goal knocks you out,  
It's better to cheer than to weep,  
Give the winning team a shout,

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

4.

It's right to shout for your side,  
But never be carried away,  
A sportsman's mind is wide,  
And he'll always cheer good play,

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

5.

If you're drawn to play the Spurs,  
Or the Wolves in the final tie,  
Or the Rovers or Blades— who cares?  
Line up, lads, and do or die,

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

6.

When you get to the Palace ground,  
In the tie for the English Cup,  
Put your beef in the game, my lads,  
Now or never, my lads! Buck up!

Hurray!

*Cho.* On the ball, etc.

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