

You'll Have to Swing It (Mr. Paganini)

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The concert was over in Carnegie Hall
The maestro took bow after bow
He said, "My dear friends, I have given my all
I'm sorry, it's all over now"
When from the balcony way up high
There suddenly came a mournful cry

Oh, Mr. Paganini
Please, play my rhapsody
And if you cannot play it, won't you sing it?
And if you can't sing you simply have to

Listen Paganini
We breathlessly await your masterful détente
Go on and sling it
And if you can't sling it you simply have to

We heard your repertoire
And at the final bar
We greeted you with wild applause
But what a great ovation
Your interpretation of:
'I never cared much for moonlight skies
I never blinked back at fireflies'
Would do

So, Paganini don't you be a meanie
What have you up your sleeve?
Come on and spring it
And if you can't spring it, you simply have to

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And if you cannot play it, won't you sing it?
If the boys is bopping
Ain't no need in stopping

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