

SONGS FROM THE PASSING SHOW OF 1918

Act 1, Scene 1

“I Love Me”

Music by: Edwin J. Weber

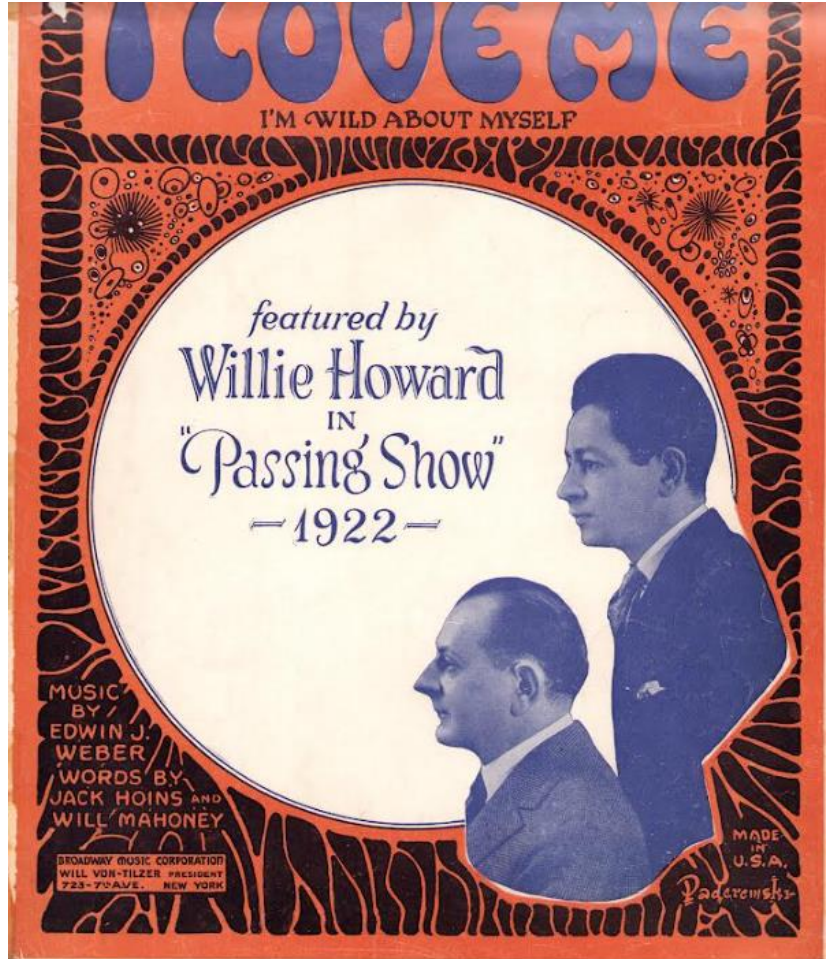
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However strong they were as singers, the songs sung by the Howards did not display an unusual complexity of rhythm or the kind of vocal extremes one might hear in contemporary operetta. This does not mean the tunes did not present challenges, though. For example, “I Love Me (I’m Just Wild About Myself)” includes a bouncy chromatic passage in the final phase of the chorus that can become even more active if it is gently swung... However, none of the Southern-themed songs offer any of the silliness of something like “I Love Me”. [Westmore, pp. 80-81]