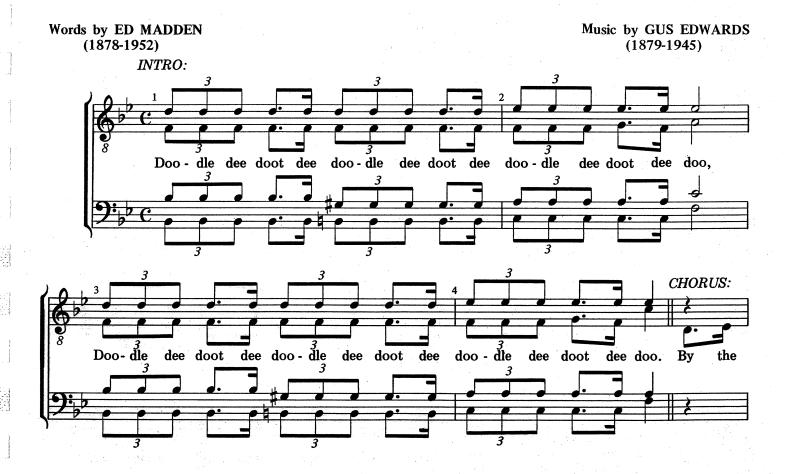
BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON

1909

It appears that the only hit song that the composers ever collaborated on is "By The Light Of The Silvery Moon," although each man's name is found on dozens of other well-known songs of the early 20th century. If their names were never tied to another song, this one would be enough to guarantee lasting fame. It was a favorite of performers all through the heyday of vaudeville, well into the 1930s. Gus Edwards was born in Germany and was a composer and producer of many musical shows in New York. Edward Madden was a prolific lyricist of the period 1903-1920. His best known song is "Moonlight Bay." He collaborated with many composers and wrote music for many Broadway shows.

A favorite wherever close harmony singers gather, the song presents a delightful picture as it proceeds on its merry way, imploring the moon to "keep a-shining in June."



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