

ROCKY TOP

Felice and Boudleaux Bryant

Songwriting husband and wife duo Felice and Boudleaux Bryant wrote “Rocky Top” in 1967. The song is about a city-dweller reflecting longingly on a simple life he/she had in the mountains of East Tennessee. “Rocky Top” was first recorded by the bluegrass duo The Osborne Brothers. It has since been recorded by numerous artists from various genres, including Lynn Anderson, Buck Owens, Dolly Parton, John Denver, and Phish. In 1972, “Rocky Top” became the unofficial fight song for the University of Tennessee. The University’s Pride of the Southland Marching Band is known to play the song around 30 times during a football game. Because of its commercial success and fan association, “Rocky Top” was named a state song by the Tennessee state legislature in 1982.

Wish that I was on ol’ Rocky Top,
down in the Tennessee hills;
Ain’t no smoggy smoke on Rocky Top,
Ain’t no telephone bills;
Once I had a girl on Rocky Top;
Half bea the other half cat;
Wild as a mink, but sweet as soda pop
I still dream about that;

Rocky Top, you’ll always be
Home sweet home to me;
Good ol’ Rocky Top;
Rocky Top, Tennesse;
Rocky Top, Tennessee

Once two strangers climbed ol’ Rocky Top,
Lookin’ for a moonshine still;
Strangers ain’t come down from Rocky Top;
Reckon they never will;
Corn won’t grow at all on Rocky Top;
Dirt’s too rocky by far;
That’s why all the folks on Rocky Top
Get their corn from a jar;

Rocky Top, you’ll always be
Home sweet home to me;
Good ol’ Rocky Top;
Rocky Top, Tennessee;
Rocky Top, Tennessee

I’ve had years of cramped-up city life
Trapped like a duck in a pen;
All I know is it’s a pity life
Can’t be simple again

Rocky Top, you’ll always be
Home sweet home to me;
Good ol’ Rocky Top;
Rocky Top, Tennessee;
Rocky Top, Tennessee
Rocky Top, Tennessee

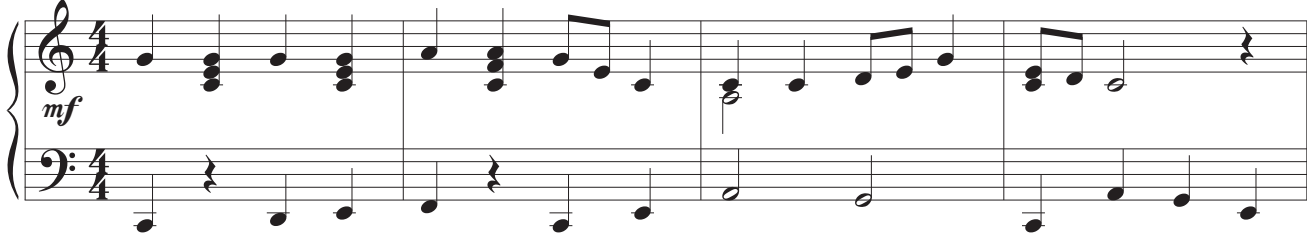
Rocky Top

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Words and Music by
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1967

Piano

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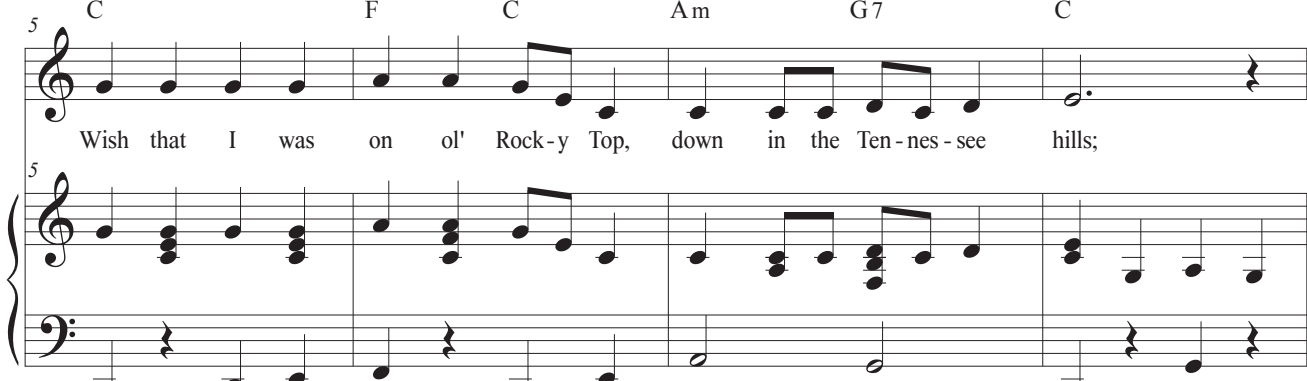
The piano introduction is in 4/4 time. The right hand starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F4, a half note E4, and a quarter note D4. This is followed by a half note C4, a quarter note B3, a half note A3, and a quarter note G3. The left hand starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note F3, a half note E3, and a quarter note D3. This is followed by a half note C3, a quarter note B2, a half note A2, and a quarter note G2. The piece ends with a final half note G4 in the right hand and a half note G3 in the left hand.

S

5 C F C Am G7 C

Wish that I was on ol' Rock-y Top, down in the Ten-nes-see hills;

Pno.



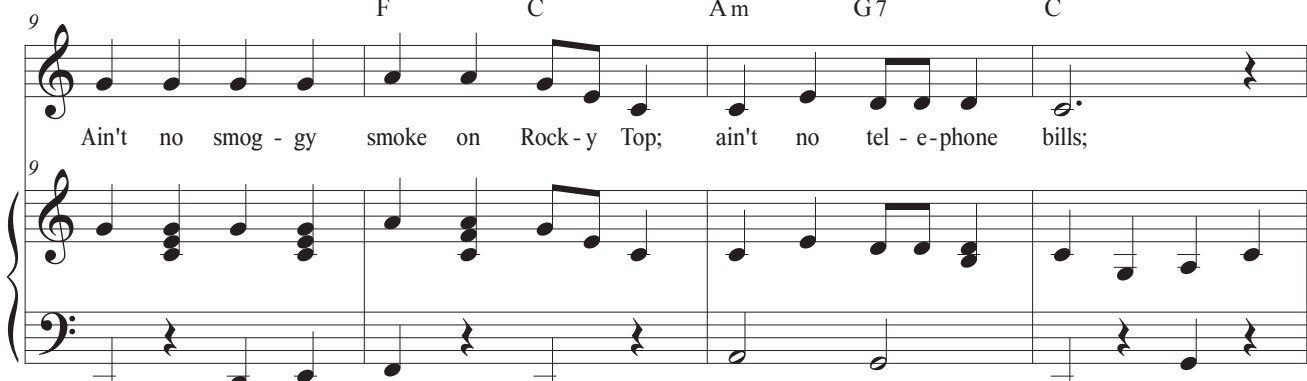
The vocal line (S) begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F4, a half note E4, and a quarter note D4. This is followed by a half note C4, a quarter note B3, a half note A3, and a quarter note G3. The piano accompaniment (Pno.) is in 4/4 time. The right hand starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F4, a half note E4, and a quarter note D4. This is followed by a half note C4, a quarter note B3, a half note A3, and a quarter note G3. The left hand starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note F3, a half note E3, and a quarter note D3. This is followed by a half note C3, a quarter note B2, a half note A2, and a quarter note G2. The piece ends with a final half note G4 in the right hand and a half note G3 in the left hand.

S

9 F C Am G7 C

Ain't no smog - gy smoke on Rock - y Top; ain't no tel - e-phone bills;

Pno.



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13 F C Am G7 C

S Oo

A Once I had a boy on Rock-y Top; half bear the oth - er half cat;

T 8 Oo

B Oo

Pno.

17 F C Am G7 C

S Oo

A Wild as a mink, but sweet as sod - a pop I still dream a - bout that;

T 8 Oo

B Oo

Pno.

21

S *Am* *G* *Bb* *F*
Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home — to me;

A
Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

T
8 Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

B
Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

Pno.
21

25

S *C* *Bb* *C*
Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

A
Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

T
8 Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

B
Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

Pno.
25

29

B $\flat$ C F C

S Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

A Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

T 8 Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

B Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see Once two strang - ers climbed ol' Rock - y Top,

Pno.

This system contains measures 29-32. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) sing the lyrics 'Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see' in measures 29-30, followed by a rest in measure 31, and then 'Once two strang - ers climbed ol' Rock - y Top,' in measure 32. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

33

A m G7 C F C

S

A

T 8

B look - in' for a moon - shine still; Strang - ers ain't come down from Rock - y Top;

Pno.

This system contains measures 33-36. The vocal parts have rests in measures 33-34 and sing 'look - in' for a moon - shine still;' in measure 35 and 'Strang - ers ain't come down from Rock - y Top;' in measure 36. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern, using chords that correspond to the key changes indicated above the vocal staves.

37 Am G7 C F C

S

A

T

B

Pno.

8

Corn won't grow at all on Rock-y Top;

reck-on they nev - er will;

41 Am G7 C F C

S

A

T

B

Pno.

8

dirt's too rock - y by far;

That's why all the folks on Rock - y Top

That's why all the folks on Rock - y Top

45 Am G7 C Am G

S Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be

A Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be

T 8 get their corn from a jar; Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be

B get their corn from a jar; Rock - y Top, Rock - y Top, al - ways be my

Pno. 45

49 Bb F C

S home sweet home — to me; Good ol' Rock - y Top;

A home sweet home to me; Good ol' Rock - y Top;

T 8 home sweet home to me; Good ol' Rock - y Top;

B home sweet my home sweet home on Rock - y Top; Ten - nes -

Pno. 49

53

B $\flat$ C B $\flat$ C

S Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

A Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

T 8 Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

B see _____ Ten - nes - see _____

Pno.

57

F C A m G7 C

S I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;

A I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;

T 8 I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;

B I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;

Pno.

61

S F C Am G7 C

All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain

A All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain

T 8 All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain

B All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain

Pno. 61

65

S Am G Bb F

Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home — to me;

A Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

T 8 Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

B Rock - y Top, Rock - y Top, al - ways be my home sweet my home sweet

Pno. 65

69

S C B $\flat$ C

Good ol' Rock - y Top; Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see;

A Good ol' Rock - y Top; Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see;

T 8 Good ol' Rock - y Top; Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see;

B home on Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Ten - nes -

Pno.

73

S B $\flat$ C C C

Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see

A Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see

T 8 Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see

B see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see

Pno.

77

S $B\flat$ F C

A

T 8

B

Pno.

This musical score page contains measures 77 through 80. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment staff. The vocal parts are written in treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The Soprano part has a melodic line with notes B-flat, F, and C, connected by a slur. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts also have notes corresponding to these pitches, with the Tenor and Bass parts having an octave 8 below the staff. The piano accompaniment features chords in the right hand and a moving bass line in the left hand. Measure 77 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. Measure 78 continues the vocal and piano parts. Measure 79 shows the vocal parts moving to F and C, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. Measure 80 concludes the section with a double bar line.