

Matilda (a klepto-calypto)

Arrangement and additional lyrics by Walt Farrier '54

attributed to Harry Thomas, aka Harry Belafonte

Moderato ♩ = 120
 Slowly, Grandioso **a tempo**

B2 Solo
 Oh, Ma - til - da* Ma - til - da! She take me mo - ney and she run to Ven(n) e - zue - la(h)!

(*pronounced "Mah-teel-dah")

T1
 T2
 B1
 B2 (Relaxed samba beat)
 Bum, bum, bum.bum ba

11 [m. 14 - 17 may be omitted]

B2 Solo
 Oh, _____

T1
 [m. 14 - 17 may be omitted]
 Ba ba ba bum bum ba ba ba bum bum

T2
 [m. 14 - 17 may be omitted]
 Ba ba ba bum bum ba ba ba bum bum

B1
 [m. 14 - 17 may be omitted]

B2
 [m. 14 - 17 may be omitted]
 bum, bum.bum ba bum, bum.bum ba bum, bum.bum ba bum, bum_bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum, bum_bum ba bum, bum bum ba

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B2 Solo
 Ma - til - da, Ma - til - da, Ma - til - da she take me mo - ney an'she run Ve-ne-zue - la.

T1
 Ma - til - da Ma - til - da Ma - til - da she take me mo - ney an'she run Ve-ne-zue - la.

T2
 Ma - til - da Ma - til - da, Ma - til - da Ma - til - da, Ma - til - da she take me mo - ney an'she run Ve-ne-zue - la.

B1
 Ma - til - da Ma - til - da Ma - til - da she take me mo - ney an'she run Ve-ne-zue - la.

B2
 bum, bum_bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum, bum_bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum, bum_bum ba bum, bum_bum ba bum, bum_bum ba

A. Verses 1 - 4

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B2 Solo

1. Now all me mo-ney frien's, is loss, Wo-man e-ven stole me cat an' hoss
 2. Well de mo-ney was stuck up in de bed, struck up in de pil-low be-near' me head
 3. One time she bor row' me watch an' chain, an' now I'll ne-vah know de time a-gain
 4. Well, we was go-in' to take a trip, an' so I build us a nice fine ship

T1

Bum bum ba bum bumm bum bum ba bum bum da daa da da da

T2

Bum bum ba bum bumm bum bum ba bum bum da daa da da da

B1

Bum bum ba bum, bum da daa da da da bum bum bum ba bumm

B2

bum. Bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba

B. Choruses 1 - 4

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(spoken)

B2 Solo

1. Ma-til-da she take me mo-ney an'she run Ve-ne-zue-la. Ev'-ry bo-dy! Ma-til-da, Ma-til-da,
 2. Ma-til-da she take me mo-ney an'she run Ve-ne-zue-la. Once a-gain now!
 3. Ma-til-da she take me mo-ney an'she run Ve-ne-zue-la. Sing'a little sof-tah!
 4. Ma-til-da she take me fine ship an'she sail Ve-ne-zue-la. Ev'ry-body hol-lah!

T1

Ahh Ahh Ahh Ma-til-da

T2

Ahh Ahh Ahh Ma-til-da Ma-til-da, Ma-til-da

B1

Ahh Ahh Ahh Ma-til-da Ma-til-da

B2

bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum. bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba

C. Verse and Chorus 5

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1.2.3.4. | 5.

B2 Solo

Ma-til-da she take me mo-ney an'she run Ve ne-zue-la. 5. But I had not fi-nish caul-king da

T1

Ma-til-da Ma-til-da she take me mo-ney an'she run Ve ne-zue-la. Bum bum ba bum
 4. fine ship an'she sail Ve ne-zue-la.

T2

Ma-til-da, Ma-til-da she take me mo-ney an'she run Ve ne-zue-la. Bum bum ba bum
 4. fine ship an'she sail Ve ne-zue-la.

B1

Ma-til-da she take me mo-ney an'she run Ve ne-zue-la. Bum bum ba bum,
 4. fine ship an'she sail Ve ne-zue-la.

B2

bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum, bum bum ba bum. Bum, bum bum ba

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B2 Solo

seams an' you all know what dat means_ Ma - til - da she sail but ne - vah gon-na make Ve ne-zue - la!

T1

bumm_ bum bum ba bum bum da daa_ da da da Ahh Ahh Ahh

T2

bumm_ bum bum ba bum bum da daa_ da da da Ahh Ahh Ahh

B1

bum da daa_ da da da bum bum bum ba bumm_ Ahh Ahh Ahh

B2

bum, bum_ bum ba bum, bum_bum ba bum, bum_bum ba bum, bum_bum ba bum, bum_bum ba

50 (spoken)

B2 Solo

One las' time now! 5.Ma - til - da, Ma - til - da,

T1

5.Ma - til - da Ma - til - da

T2

5.Ma - til - da Ma - til - da, Ma - til - da Ma - til - da,

B1

5.Ma - til - da Ma - til - da

B2

bum. 5.bum, bum_ bum ba bum, bum_ bum ba bum, bum_ bum ba bum, bum_ bum ba

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B2 Solo

Ma - til - da she sail but ne - vah gon-na make Ve - ne-zue - la!

T1

Ma - til - da she sail but ne - vah gon-na make Ve - ne-zue - la!

T2

Ma - til - da she sail but ne - vah gon-na make Ve - ne-zue - la!

B1

Ma - til - da she sail but ne - vah gon-na make Ve - ne-zue - la!

B2

Ma - til_ da she sail but ne - vah gon-na make Ve - ne-zue - la! Glub, Glub, Glub!