


BIG BLACK MARIAH

Words and Music by Tom Waits

Moderate funky beat, with a slight  feel

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Cut - tin' through the cane - break,

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rat - tl - ing the sill, — Thun - der that the rain makes when the shad - ow -



— tops the hill. — Big light on the back - street hill — to ev - er more, — Pack -

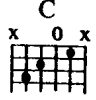

in' down the lad - der with the ham - mer to the floor. Here comes the

big Black Ma - ri - ah. Here comes the


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
ri - ah. I see a big black _ Ford. 1. Well, he's all _

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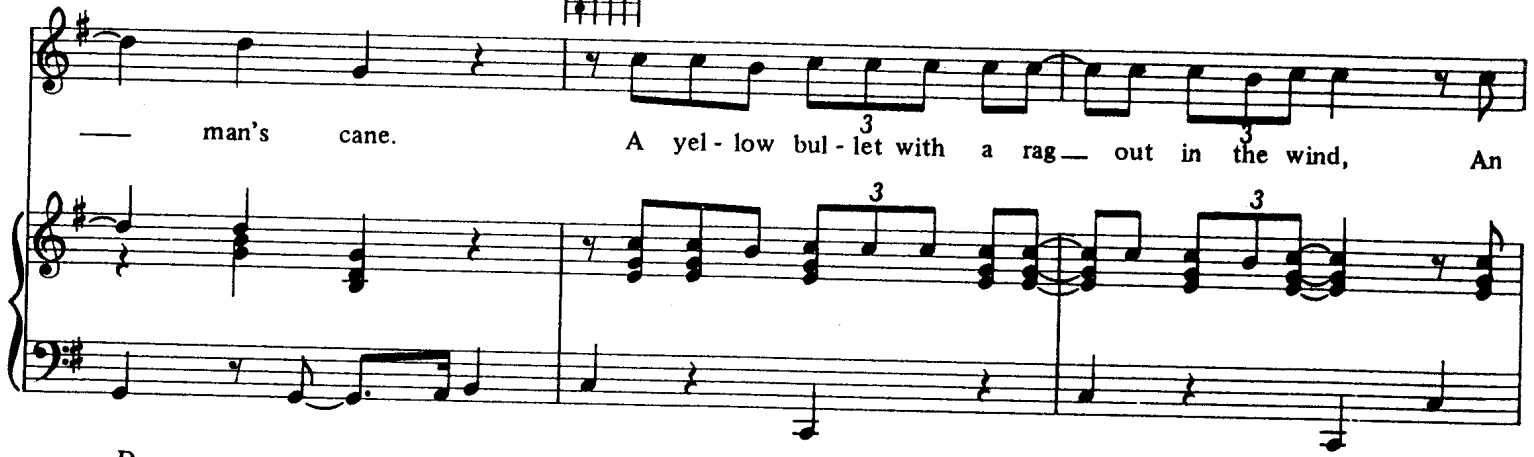
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boxed up on a red bell dame, — Hunt-ed Black John-ny with ³a blind —



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
— man's cane. A yel-low bul-let with a rag — out in the wind, An




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old blind tig - er, get an old — bell, Jim. — Here comes the



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big — Black Ma - ri - ah. Here comes the big — Black Ma -



ri - ah. Here come the big — Black Ma - ri - ah. (1.3.) Here comes the (2.) I see that

big black — Ford. Ford. Well, he's all —

Ford.

Additional Lyrics

2. Sent to the skies on a Benny Jag Blue,
Off to bed without his supper like the Linda brides do.
He's got to do the story with the old widow Jones,
Got a wooden coat, this boy is never comin' home.
Here comes the big Black Mariah... (etc.)
3. Well, he's all boxed up on a red bell dame,
Fat blue Johnny with a blind man's cane.
A hundred yellow bullets, sugar rag out in a wind,
And old blind tiger on a pair of new wings.
Here comes the big Black Mariah... (etc.)