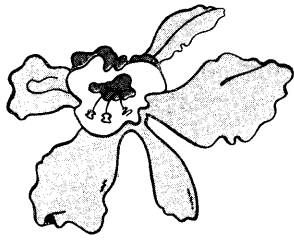


BLUE ORCHIDS



It's difficult to place Hoagy Carmichael in a comfortable niche. He wrote folksy songs; he wrote sophisticated songs. Sometimes he composed just the music; other times he wrote the lyrics as well. He wrote the most famous song of all, but even without "Star Dust," he ranks as one of the top dozen popular composers. And in mid-career he became a successful character actor in the movies, sort of playing . . . well . . . Hoagy Carmichael. This lovely song by Hoagy reached No. 1 on *Your Hit Parade* on November 4, 1939, thanks to Tommy Dorsey's beautiful and sensitive recording.

Words and Music by Hoagy Carmichael

Very slowly, with an easy lilt (♩ = ♩³)

Chords: Fm, Bb7-9, Eb/G, F#dim

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mp I dreamed of two blue or-chids, Two beau-ti-ful blue or-chids, One

Chords: Fm7, Bb7, Eb/G, E^o7, Edim, Fm, Bb7-9

night—while in my lone-ly room. I dreamed of two blue or-chids So

Chords: Eb/G, A^o7, G/B, D7, G, Fm7, B^o7

full of love and light That I want-ed to pos-sess each ten-der bloom.

Chords: Fm6, G7+, Cm, F#dim

Then my dream took wings And through a thou-sand springs, Blue

Bb7
Eb
Bb+
G ϕ 7
C7
Fm
G7

or-chids_ seemed in a world a-part. But when I met you, Some-thing

Cm
F9
Bb9

pale and blue Came steal-ing from the mead-ows of my heart.

Fm
Bb7-9
Eb/G
F#dim
Fm7
Bb7

saw my two blue or-chids, My beau-ti-ful blue or-chids, Last night_ and what a sweet sur-

Db7-5
C7
Fm
Fm7-5
Gm7
G ϕ 7
C7-9

prise. When you looked at me, It was plain to see Blue

Fm
F9
Bb7
Eb 6
8va

or-chids on-ly bloom in your eyes.