

Pittsburg State University

## Pittsburg State University Digital Commons

---

Carson J. Robison Music Scores

Carson J. Robison, the Cowboy Radio Singer,  
1903-1988

---

2015-01-01

### Jack Russel (The Singin' Cowboy Bandit)

Carson Robison

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.pittstate.edu/cjrms>

---

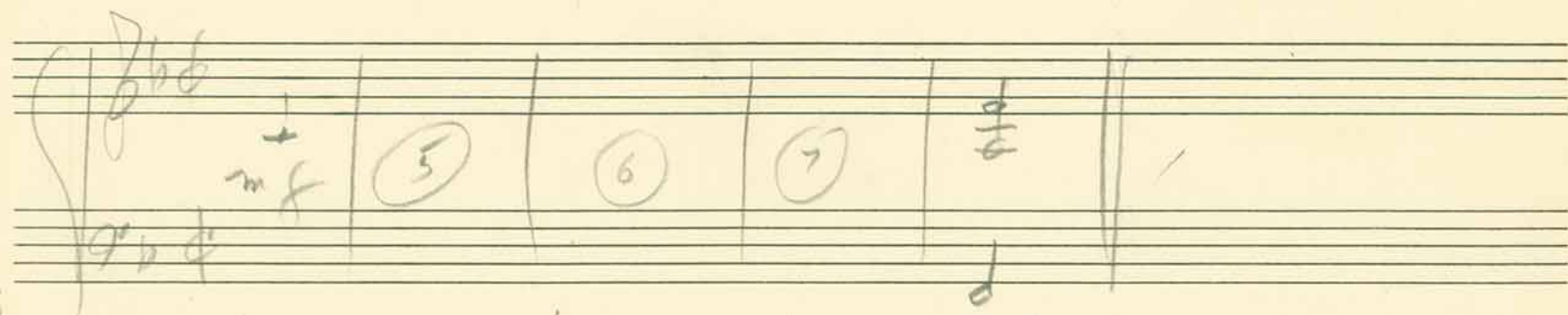
#### Recommended Citation

Robison, Carson, "Jack Russel (The Singin' Cowboy Bandit)" (2015). *Carson J. Robison Music Scores*. 55.  
<https://digitalcommons.pittstate.edu/cjrms/55>

This Sheet Music is brought to you for free and open access by the Carson J. Robison, the Cowboy Radio Singer, 1903-1988 at Pittsburg State University Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Carson J. Robison Music Scores by an authorized administrator of Pittsburg State University Digital Commons. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@pittstate.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@pittstate.edu).

JACK RUSSEL  
(THE SINGIN' COWBOY BANDIT) Words + Music by CARSON J. ROBISON

MODERATO



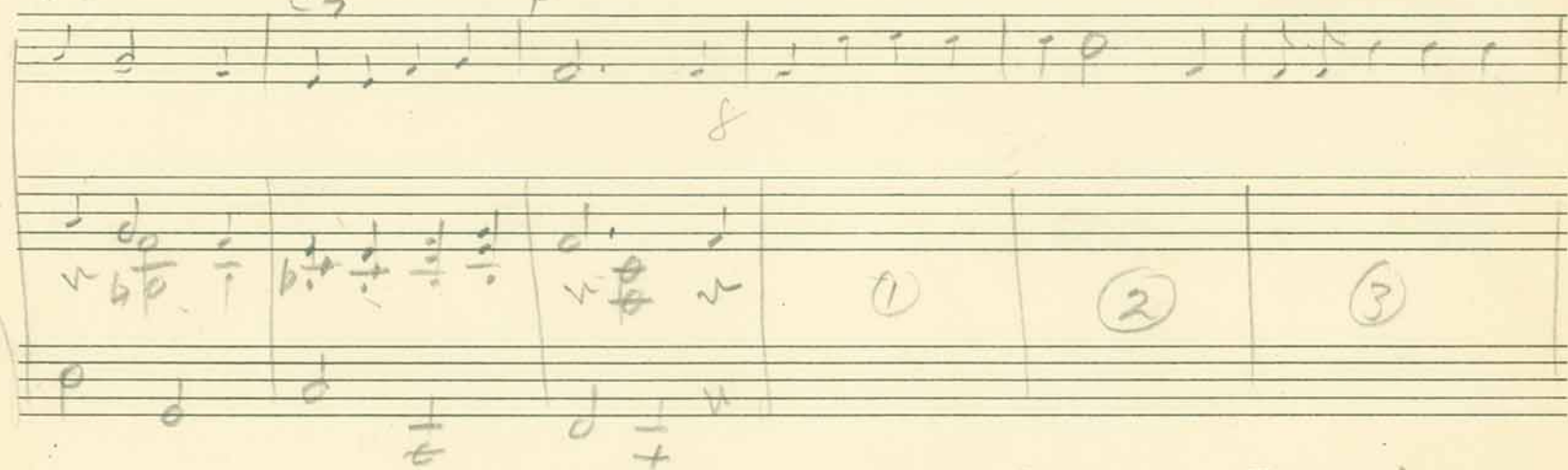
F F7 Bb Bbm F



C7

C7

F



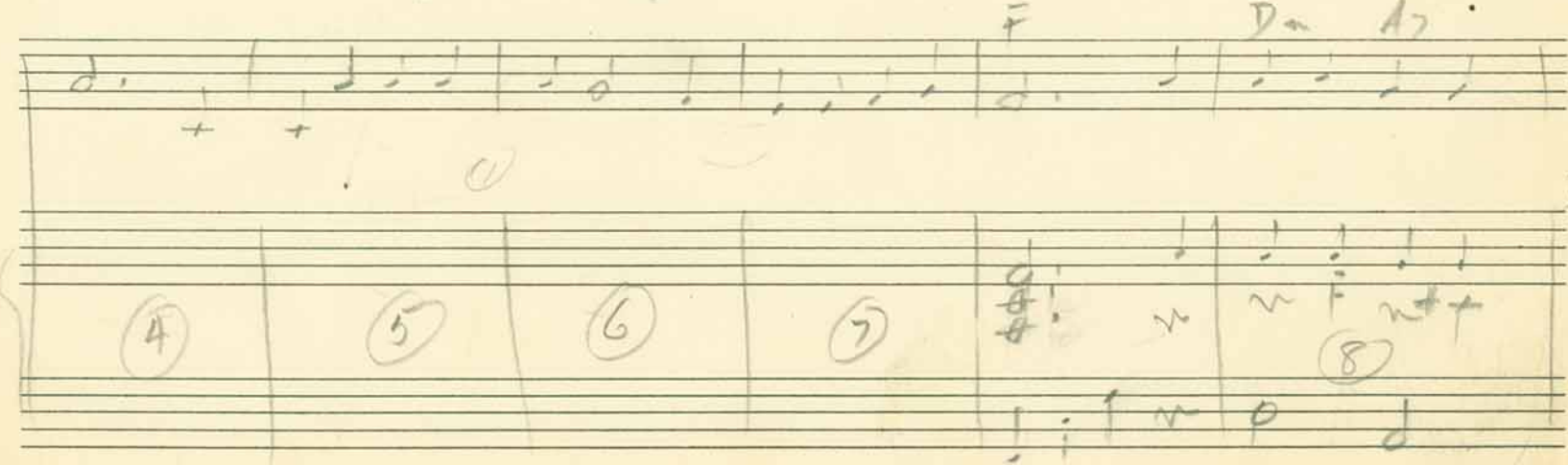
1

2

3

F

Dm A7



4

5

6

7

8

Handwritten musical score on three systems of staves. The notation includes notes, rests, and various musical symbols.

**System 1:**

- Staff 1: Chords *Dm*, *Cm*, *Dm*, and *G* are written above the staff.
- Staff 2: Contains circled numbers 8 and 9.
- Staff 3: Contains circled numbers 8 and 9.

**System 2:**

- Staff 1: Chord *C7* is written above the staff.
- Staff 2: Contains circled numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Staff 3: Contains circled numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.

**System 3:**

- Staff 1: Chord *F* is written above the staff.
- Staff 2: Contains circled numbers 5, 6, and 7.
- Staff 3: Contains circled numbers 5, 6, and 7.

The score concludes with a double bar line and the initials *D.S.* (Da Capo).



Words & Music By  
Carson J. Robison  
December 1939

December 1939

7 ||

See additional verses

JACK RUSSEL  
(The Singin' Cowboy Bandit)

Words & Music By  
Carson & Robison

Dec 1939

COME AND GATHER ALL AROUND ME  
I'LL TELL YOU ALL A TALE  
OF A SINGIN' COWBOY BANDIT  
WHO BLAZED A BLOODY TRAIL  
THRU' ARKANSAS AND KANSAS  
AND MANY ANOTHER STATE  
THE FOLKS ALL KNOW THE STORY  
OF YOUNG JACK RUSSEL'S FATE  
OUT WEST IN OKLAHOMA  
HE RODE THE HOLD-UP TRAIL  
AND GOT A TEN YEAR SENTENCE  
WITH NOT A CHANCE OF BAIL  
HIS YOUNG WIFE TRIED TO HELP HIM  
BUT IT WAS ALL IN VAIN  
AND WHEN SHE HAD TO LEAVE HIM  
HIS HEART WAS FILLED WITH PAIN

THE HOURS WERE LONG AND DREARY  
WITH NO WORD FROM HIS WIFE  
TILL ONE DAY JACK DECIDED  
TO GAMBLE WITH HIS LIFE  
HIS CLEVER PLAN SUCCEEDED  
A PRISON GUARD WENT DOWN  
AND HE BLAZED A TRAIL OF MURDER  
FROM THERE TO CHICAGO TOWN  
BUT THE LAW WOULD NOT BE CHEATED  
AND HE WAS BROUGHT TO TRIAL  
ONCE MORE HIS WIFE WAS WAITING  
TO GREET HIM WITH A SMILE  
SHE PLEAD BEFORE THE JURY  
HER HUSBAND'S LIFE TO SAVE  
BUT THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE ROLLED HIM  
TOWARD A LONELY MURDERER'S GRAVE

HIS LIFE OF CRIME WAS ENDED  
THE LAW HAD SEALED HIS DOOM  
AND HE SAW THE DEATH CELL WAITING  
A DARK AND DISMAL TOMB  
AS THE COURT-ROOM DOOR WAS OPENED  
AND HE WAS LED AWAY  
"TELL MARY I SAID THANK HER"  
WAS ALL THAT HE COULD SAY  
ITS JUST THE SAME OLD STORY  
OF ANOTHER BOY GONE WRONG  
ANOTHER CHAPTER WRITTEN  
TO WOMEN, WINE AND SONG  
OH YOUNG FOLKS HEED THIS WARNING  
THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW WAY  
IS THE ONLY TRAIL TO TRAVEL  
FOR CRIME WILL NEVER PAY