

SMILE

gDGBD

C.CHAPLIN
J.Turner G Parsons

9 brushes in this one – 2 straight brushes and 7 brush thumbs.

This is a gentle, laid back, tune, so don't play it too quickly and be generous with the brushes. Spr.....ead them out a bit. Plenty of "drophumbs" to put a lilt into your playing.

Don't rush this one. Incidentally I was amazed to find that this was written by Charlie Chaplin , the world renowned silent film star.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN was not only an actor/comedian, he also wrote the theme music to some of his own films. In 1936 he wrote the musical theme to his film "modern Times" . The words were added in 1954 by John Turner and Geoffrey Parsons.

The first version to be recorded with the lyrics was by Nat King Cole in 1954. It reached number 10 on the Billboard charts and number 2 on the UK Singles Chart.

A rare Michael Jackson version was never officially released as a single. A few other versions did modestly in the charts, including ones by David Whitfield and Tony Bennett.It keeps resurfacing and in 2020 a benefit concert for The World Health Organisation included a rendition of the song by Lady GaGa.