Notes on "Dancing in the Starlight".

To date I have not located an extant copy of the piano solo version of "Dancing", either to purchase or obtain a scan from. The piece was recorded by the Edison Concert Band in 1903 and one would think that the publisher would have capitalized on the recording to print and sell many copies, but that doesn't seem to be the case. It has proven to be the scarcest and most elusive of all the Jacob Henry Ellis works I have tried to locate. In fact, it took some serious sleuthing on my part just to locate a published orchestra version at the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra library in Lewisburg, Pa. They were kind enough to furnish me with a scan of an original 1903 printing by the publisher Willis Woodward & Co. in New York. In addition to the conductor's score for piano with cued in melody notes, there are parts for 1st and 2nd violins, viola, cello, bass, clarinet in A, cornet in A, Trombone, and Drums (along with tambourine and triangle). For this recording I had to decide whether to try and extract a solo piano version from the conductor's score or simply use it as it is. I chose the latter. I am presenting it exactly as it is printed and in a piano-3 hands format and also in the published key of A. More than likely this is not the original key as I am not aware of anything by Ellis in that key. He tended to use C, F, and G most of the time. I made an exact transcription of the conductor's score to accompany the recording. There were a few engraving errors of the cued notes in the score but these were easily corrected by using the supplied 1st violin part.

Until I can locate a solo piano version this rendition will have to suffice. If anyone knows the whereabouts of an extant copy either for purchase or for providing a scan, please inform me. Thanks, Bill

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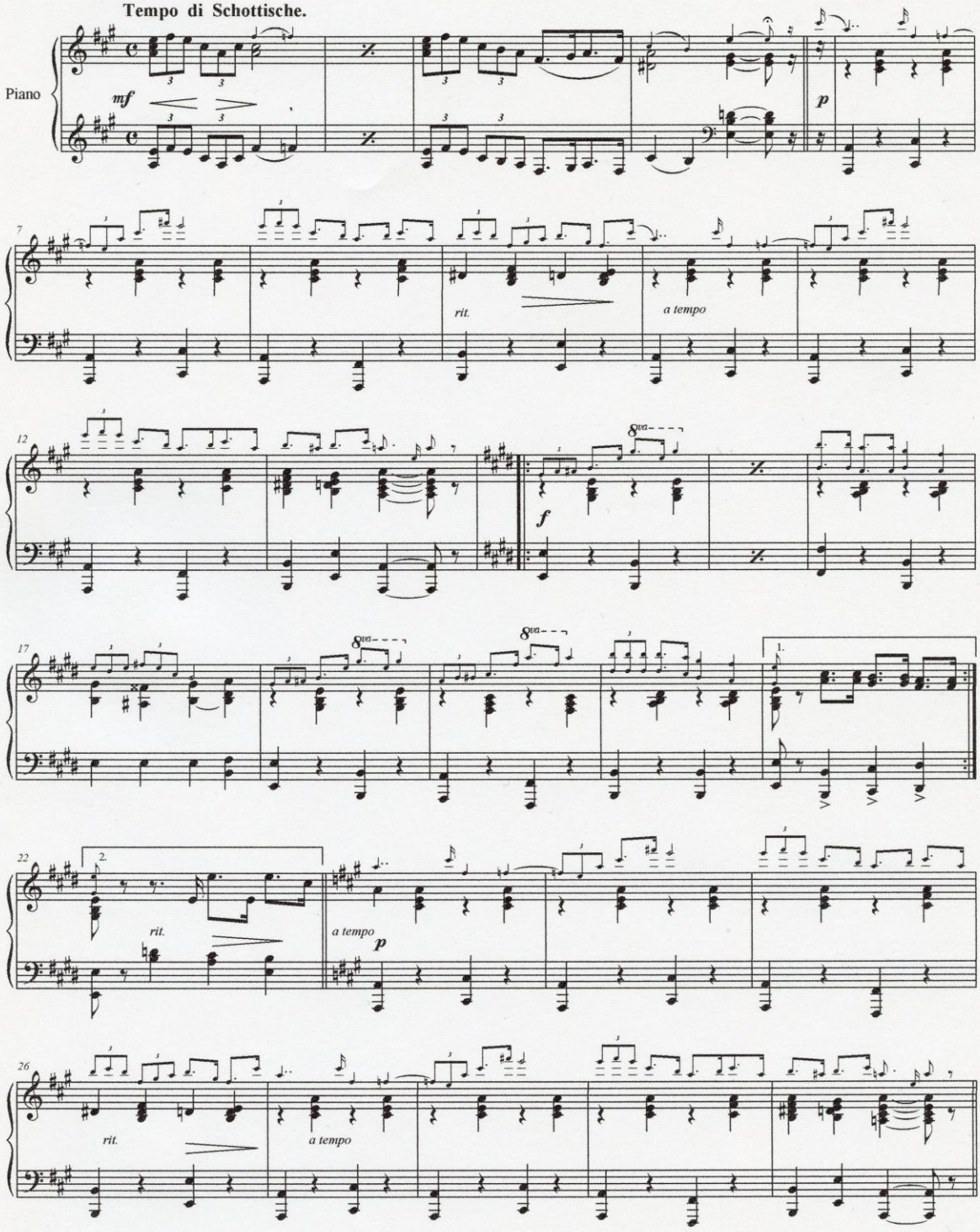
SCHOTTISCHE - CAPRICE.

JACOB HENRY ELLIS.

arr. by HARRY PRENDIVILLE.

Piano.

Tempo di Schottische.



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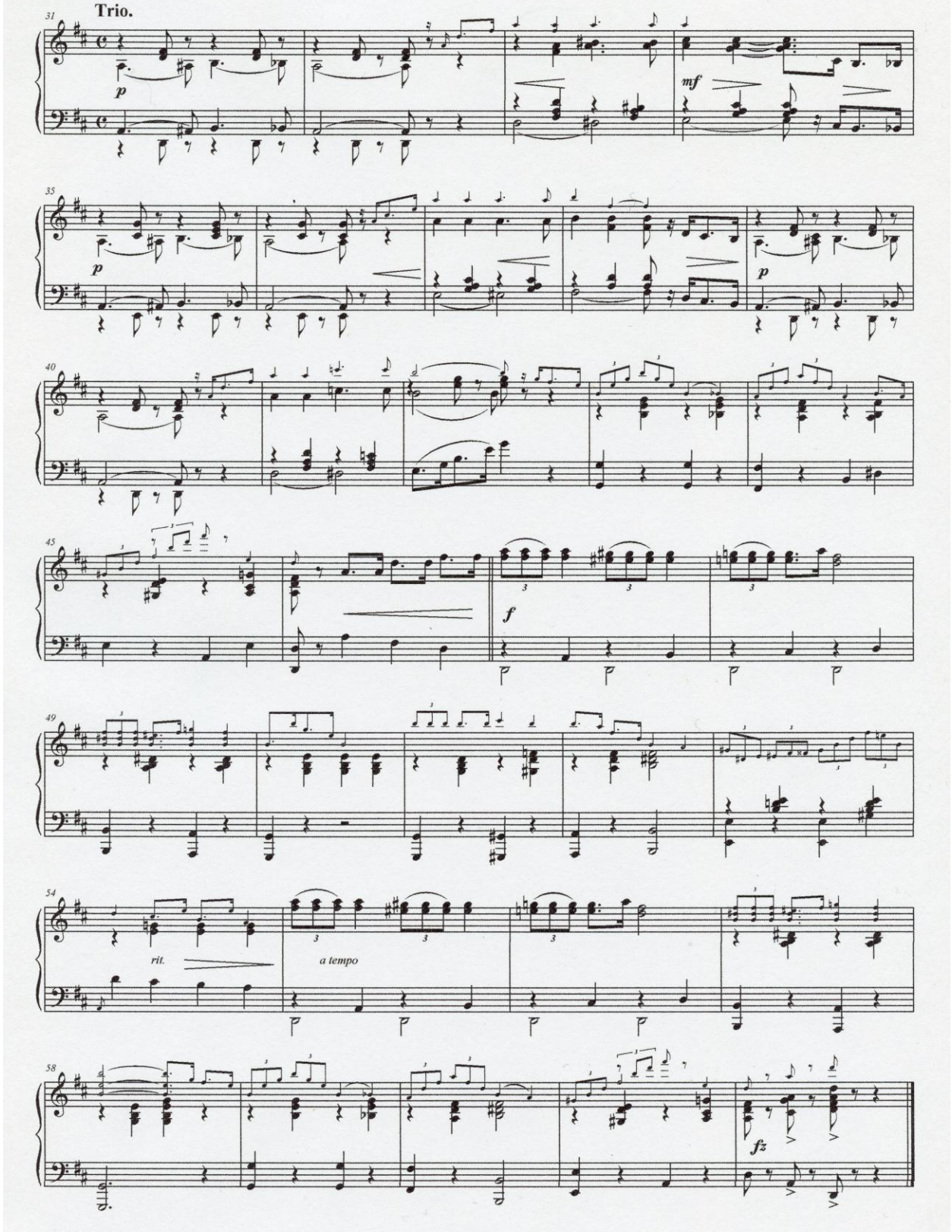
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