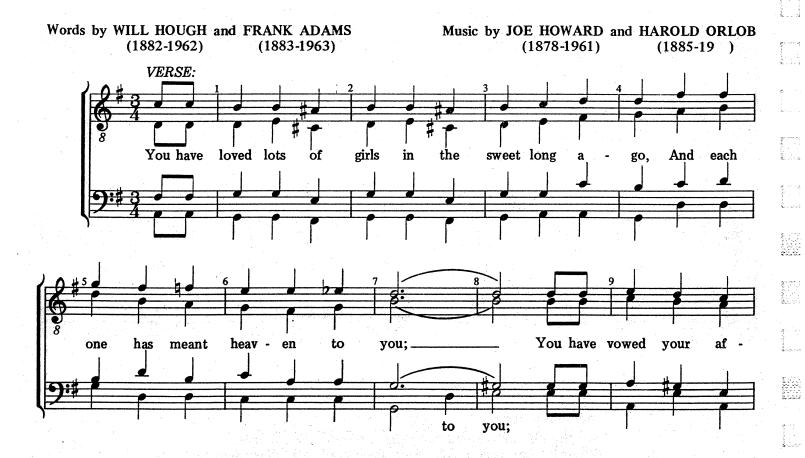
I WONDER WHO'S KISSING HER NOW

1909

There is some question whether popular entertainer Joe Howard had anything to do with the composition of "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now," although he is usually identified as the composer. The music may have been written by Harold Orlob, a writer who worked for Joe Howard in 1909. He wrote, or helped to write, the song as part of his job. Howard claimed it as his own, a not unusual occurrence in those days, and popularized it, singing it in almost every public appearance for over a half century.

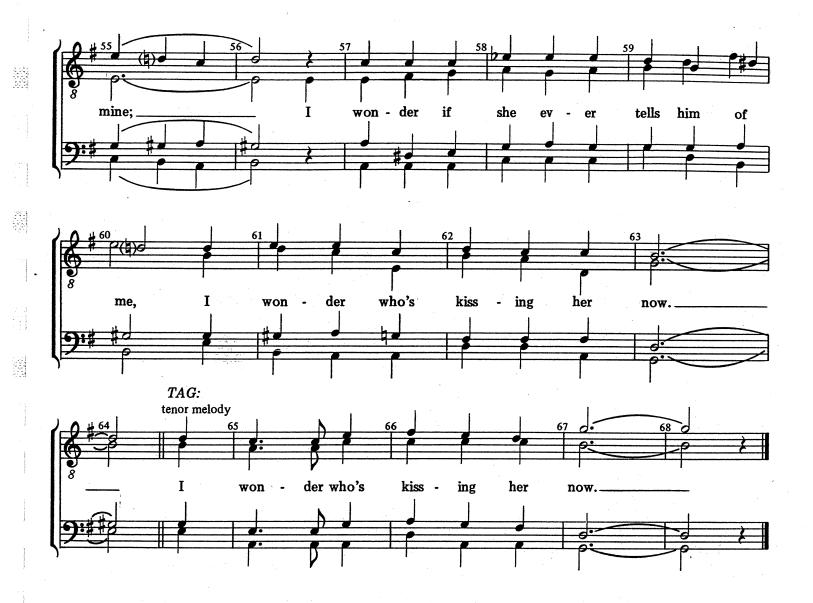
Actually, the song may have been written by as many as four men, since Will Hough, a vaudeville composer, Frank Adams, a reporter for Chicago newspapers and a novelist, and Harold Orlob all collaborated with Howard in writing a show, "The Prince Of Tonight," for the Chicago stage in 1909. Only one number of that show survived to achieve lasting popularity: "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now."



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Additional verse:

If you want to feel wretched and lonely and blue, Just imagine the girl you love best
In the arms of some fellow who's stealing a kiss
From the lips that you once fondly pressed.
But the world moves apace and the loves of today
Flit away with a smile and a tear.
So you never can tell who is kissing her now,
Or just whom you'll be kissing next year.