

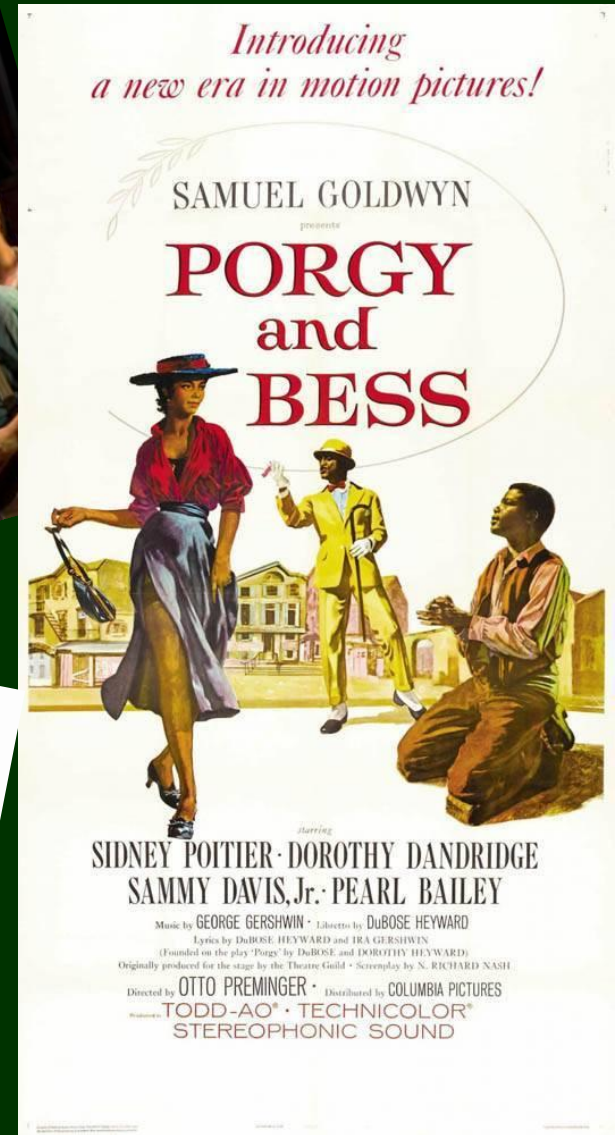
Summertime

Music by George Gershwin,
Lyrics by DuBose Heyward



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«Summertime» is an aria composed in 1934 by George Gershwin for the opera «Porgy and Bess».



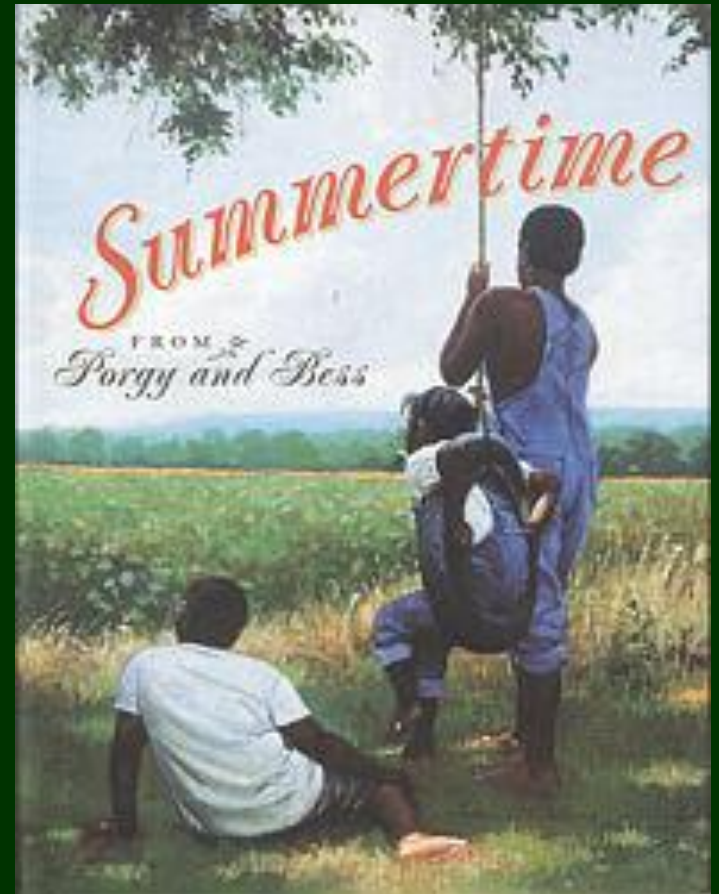
Gershwin began composing the song in December 1933. He wanted to create his own spiritual in the style of the African American folk music of the period.



The song is sung several times in «Porgy and Bess». It is sung by Clara as a lullaby.



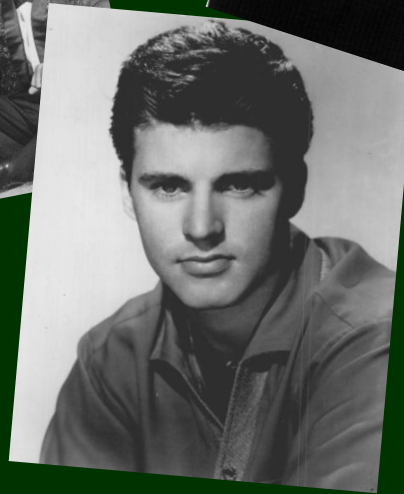
The song soon became one of the finest songs the composer ever wrote. There are over 25000 recordings of «Summertime».



In 1936, a recording by Billie Holiday was the best.



Other versions to make the pop charts include those by: Sam Cooke, Al Martino, the Marceles, Rick Nelson, the Zombies, the Fun Boy Three, Lynda Carter (album «At Last»), Annie Lennox (album «Nostalgia»).



I've chosen this very song, because the music is so romantic, amazing and the lyrics is so soft and sweet. It appeals to my heart and feelings. I was so impressed by the song that I can't stand singing it myself. Let me introduce my version of it.

