

# Mr. Block

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Piano introduction in 2/4 time, marked *f*. The music features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, and a bass line with chords and eighth notes in the left hand.

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Please give me your at - ten - tion. I'll  
Yes, Mis - ter Block is luck - y; he  
Block hiked back to the cit - y but  
E - lec - tion Day he shout - ed, "A  
The mon - ey kings in Cu - ba blew  
Poor Block, he died one ev - 'ning (I'm

*mf*

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in - tro - duce to you a man that is a cred - it to  
found a job, by gee! The shark got sev - en dol - lars for  
was - n't do - ing well. He said, "I'll join the un - ion, the  
So - cial - ist for May'r." The "com - rade" got e - lect - ed. He  
up the gun - boat *Maine*. But Block got aw - ful an - gry and  
ver - y glad to state.) He climbed the gold - en lad - der up

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our "Red, White, and Blue." His head is made of lum - ber and  
 job add fare and fee. They shipped him to a des - ert and  
 great A. F. of L." He got a job next morn - ing, got  
 hap - py was for fair. But af - ter the e - lec - tion, he  
 blamed it all on Spain. He went right in the bat - tle, and  
 to the Pearl - y Gate. He said, "Oh, Mis - ter Pet - er, one

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sol - id as a rock. He is a com - mon work - er, and his  
 dumped him with his truck. But when he tried to find his job, he  
 fir - ed in the night. He said, "I'll see Sam Gom - pers, and he'll  
 got an aw - ful shock: a great big "so - cial - ist - ic" bull did  
 there he lost his leg. And now he's ped - dling shoe - strings and is  
 word I'd like to tell: I'd like to meet the As - tor - bits and

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name is Mis - ter Block. And Block, he thinks he may be  
 sure was out of luck. He shout - ed, "That's too raw! I'll  
 fix that fore - man right." Sam Gom - pers said, "You see, you've  
 rap him on the block. And Com - rade Block did sob, "I  
 walk - ing on a peg. He shouts, "Re - mem - ber *Maine*, hur -  
 John D. Rock - e - fell'." Old Pete said, "Is that so? You'll

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pres - i - dent some day. Oh, Mis - ter Block, you were  
 fix them with the law!"  
 got our sym - path - y."  
 helped him to his job."  
 rah! To hell with Spain!"  
 meet them down be - low."

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born by mis - take. You take the cake. You make me

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ache. Tie a rock on your block and then jump in the lake. Kind-ly

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do that for Lib - er - ty's sake.