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JUST A GIGOLO

AS WRITTEN FOR TONY BENNETT

ARRANGED BY AL COHN

EDITED BY ROB DUBOFF AND JEFFREY SULTANOF

FULL SCORE

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Background:

Born in Brooklyn, NY in 1925, Al Cohn is perhaps best known as part of the group he co-led with fellow tenor saxophonist Zoot Sims. But he was professionally active as early as 1944, playing and writing arrangements for the legendary Henry Jerome band, one of the first to play bebop. He also played and wrote for the George Auld band in 1945. He became nationally known as part of the Four Brothers saxophone section of the Woody Herman 1948-49 orchestra, replacing Herb

Steward. Cohn went on to make his own albums as player and arranger. Less well known is his considerable body of work as a commercial arranger for a host of singers and musical directors; he even orchestrated for motion pictures and Broadway shows. Cohn frequently ghosted for more famous arrangers such as Ralph Burns. Many of his arrangements are very famous, but often they are not attributed to him, but rather the person he ghosted for. Two of his most famous arrangements are *Smile* (written for Tony Bennett) and *Georgia on My Mind* (written for Ray Charles). According to Cohn's daughter, Al wrote day and night in his upstairs office. Some of the bands he contributed to include: Terry Gibbs Dream Band, Buddy Rich, Artie Shaw, Gerry Mulligan Concert Jazz Band, Quincy Jones, Woody Herman, and Elliot Lawrence. Cohn died of cancer in 1988.

The Music:

The standard *Just a Gigolo* will forever be associated with singer Louis Prima, who had a major hit with it in 1956. This arrangement was written by Cohn for a 1968 recording session that Tony Bennett led in New York. For this session, Cohn also contributed arrangements of *Easy Street* and *I Want to Be Happy*. Sadly, for unknown reasons, none of these recordings have been released.

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