

# Liza

As sung by  
Eryl Levers  
07-26-1946 Madison, WI

Handwritten musical score for the song "Liza". The score is written on four staves of music paper. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on the first staff, with lyrics written below it. The lyrics are: "Oh Li-za dear Li-za if you end up an old maid you've only got your-self to blyme, oh, Li-za, dear Li-za Mrs Hen-ry Hawkins is a first class nyme". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "maid you've only got your-self to blyme, oh,". The third staff continues the melody with lyrics: "Li-za, dear Li-za Mrs Hen-ry Hawkins is a". The fourth staff continues the melody with lyrics: "first class nyme". The score is handwritten in purple ink on yellowed paper.

Oh Liza, dear Liza, if you end up an old maid  
You've only got yourself to blyme.  
Oh Liza, dear Liza, Mrs. Henry Hawkins is a first class nyme.

*Transcription and lyrics from the Helene Stratman-Thomas collection.*

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## Critical Commentary

Transcription by Peters, p. 176.

### Editor's notes:

Eryl Lever's song is the chorus of "The Future Mrs. 'Awkins" as it appears in Wier.

### Sources:

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