

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME by Albert Von Tilzer

Sing along with the [Cincinnati Pops](#)

Sing-a-long:

Take me out to the ballgame
Take me out to the crowd
Buy me some peanuts and crackerjack
I don't care if I never get back

So it's root, root, root, for the home team
If they don't win, it's a shame
It's one, two, three strikes you're out
At the old ballgame

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And I don't care if I never get back

It's root, root, root, for the home team
If they don't win, what else is left
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BASEBALL TRIVIA

What inning "stretch" does Take Me Out to the Ballgame play?

- A. 3rd
- B. 7th
- C. 9th

When were the Cincinnati Reds established?

- A. 1881
- B. 1975
- C. 2019

Which of the words is a baseball move and a musical term?

- A. Homerun
- B. Pitch
- C. Foul Ball



ALBERT VON TILZER

Take Me Out To the Ballgame

(1878—1956)

BIOGRAPHY: Albert Von Tilzer was a songwriter, son of Polish Jewish immigrants and born in Indianapolis. He briefly worked for his brother Harry's publishing company. Harry was also a songwriter so the convenience of owning a publishing company helped with producing some of the Tilzers' early music. Later in life, Tilzer followed in his brother's footsteps by establishing the York Publishing company, however it closed after a short time. Tilzer wrote pop songs for over 50 years in the US, the most famous of which is *Take Me Out To The Ballgame*. He also wrote some music for Broadway and stage works. Tilzer eventually moved to California where he spent the rest of his life.



REPERTOIRE NOTES: Tilzer wrote *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* with lyricist Jack Norworth despite neither of them having ever attended a baseball game prior. Now a tradition to sing at the seventh inning "stretch", the song existed for over 25 years before ever being performed inside a baseball stadium. The original version of the song included verses that sing about a young lady who agrees to go out with a date, but only if they bring her to a baseball game. The National Endowment for the Arts declared this one of the 365 top "songs of the century". In addition to it presently being performed at nearly every baseball game, the song has been covered and recorded by artists such as Bing Crosby, Carly Simon, Bill Murray and Daffy Duck, and more. Handout with the lyrics available on pg.21 (Answers: B, A, B).

Lyrics to Take Me Out to the Ballgame:

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The Cincinnati Pops & The Cincinnati Reds



Cincinnati Reds Organist John Schutte performed with the Cincinnati Pops in 2019 for the Lollipops Family Concert Series. Mr. Redlegs and Rosie Red also had on-stage appearances!

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