"Puttin' on the Ritz" is a popular song written and published in 1929 by Irving Berlin and introduced by Harry Richman in the musical film *Puttin' on the Ritz* (1930). The title derives from the slang expression “putting on the Ritz,” meaning to dress very fashionably. The expression was inspired by the swanky Ritz Hotel. (Wikipedia)

Have you seen the well-to-do
Up on Lennox Avenue
With their noses in the air

High hats and colored collars
White spats and fifteen dollars
Spending every dime
For a wonderful time

*If you're blue*
And you don't know where to go to
*Why don't you go where Harlem sits*
*Puttin' on the Ritz*

*Spangled gowns upon the bevy of*
*High browns from down the levy*
*All misfits*
*Puttin' on the Ritz*

That's where each and every lulu-belle goes
Every Thursday evening with her swell beaus
Rubbing elbows

Oh come with me and we'll attend their jubilee
And see them spend their last two bits
*Puttin' on the Ritz*

Reuben treats his sweetie to
Highbrow drinks and oyster stew
Though he knows quite well his stash
Means six days on warmed-up hash

High spots today they'll borrow
Dry spots will come tomorrow
But nobody cares
For now they're all millionaires

[chorus]