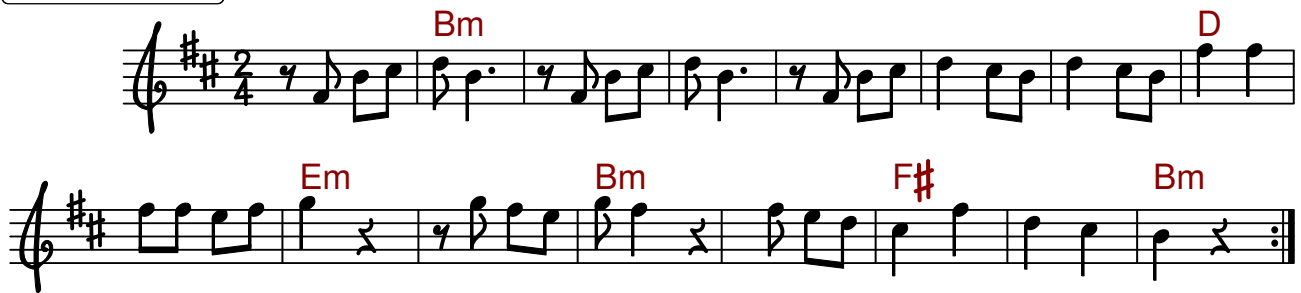


# Bella ciao

## Polka

Italy

Bb instruments



Rq : This theme is also the first part of the klezmer piece *Koilen* (or *Dus zekelen Koilen* : "A little bag of coal"), recorded on a 78 rpm disc by Mishka Ziganoff, New York, 1919. - The version "Bella Ciao (mondine)" sung by G. Daffini is about the mondines, seasonal workers in the rice fields. She says she learned it before the war. - Vasco Scansani says he wrote the current lyrics of Bella Ciao in 1951.

Illustration Harold Sichel, 1920.

