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A Fine Romance

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G Maj7 G#°7 D7 A#°7 B m7 E m7

Ginger: A fine ro - mance with no kis - ses! A fine ro - mance my
A fine ro - mance, my good fel - low! You take ro - mance, I'll
Fred: A fine ro - mance with no kis - ses! A fine ro - mance, my
A fine ro - mance, my dear Duch-ess! Two old fo - gies who

A m7 D7 G Maj7 B m7 B°7 A m7

friend, this is! We should be like a cou - ple of hot to - ma - toes.
take Jel - lo! You're cal - mer than the seals in the Arc - tic O - cean
friend, this is! We two should be like clams in a dish of chow - der
need crut-ches! True love should have the thrills that a heal - thy crime has

D7 G Maj7 C#°7 F#7 B7 E7 A m7 D7

— But you're as cold as yes - ter - day's mashed po - ta - toes _____ A
— At least they flap their fins to ex - press e - mo - tion _____ A
— But we just fizz like parts of a Seid - litz pow - der _____ A
— We don't have half the thrills that The March of Time has! _____ A

G Maj7 G#°7 D7 A#°7 B m7 E m7 A m7

fine ro - mance, you won't nes - tle. A fine ro - mance, you won't
fine ro - mance with no quar - rels With no in - sults and all
fine ro - mance with no clin - ches A fine ro - mance with no
fine ro - mance, my good wo - man My strong, aged - in - the - wood

D7 G Maj7 D Maj7 G7 C Maj7

wre - stle I might as well play bridge with my old maid aunts
mo - rals I've ne - ver mussed the crease in your blue serge pants
pin - ches You're just as hard to land as the Ile de France!
wo - man! You ne - ver give the or - chids I send a glance

C#°7 B m7 C#m7 D7 G Maj7 A m7 D7

I have - n't got a chance, this is a fine ro - mance! _____ A
I ne - ver get the chance, this is a fine ro - mance! _____ A
I have - n't got a chance, this is a fine ro - mance! _____ A
No, you like cac - tus plants, this is a fine ro - mance! _____

A Fine Romance

A fine romance with no kisses! A fine romance, my friend, this is!
We should be like a couple of hot tomatoes
But you're as cold as yesterday's mashed potatoes

A fine romance, you won't nestle A fine romance, you won't wrestle
I might as well play bridge with my old maid aunts
I haven't got a chance, this is a fine romance!

A fine romance, my good fellow! You take romance, I'll take Jello!
You're calmer than the seals in the Arctic Ocean
At least they flap their fins to express emotion (1)

A fine romance with no quarrels With no insults and all morals
I've never mussed the crease in your blue serge pants
I never get the chance, this is a fine romance!

A fine romance with no kisses! A fine romance, my friend, this is!
We two should be like clams in a dish of chowder
But we just fizz like parts of a Seidlitz powder (2)

A fine romance with no clinches A fine romance with no pinches
You're just as hard to land as the Ile de France! (3)
I haven't got a chance, this is a fine romance!

A fine romance, my dear Duchess! Two old fogies who need crutches!
True love should have the thrills that a healthy crime has
We don't have half the thrills that The March of Time has! (4)

A fine romance, my good woman My strong, aged-in-the-wood woman!
You never give the orchids I send a glance
No, you like cactus plants, this is a fine romance!

1) Seals are mammals and have flippers, not fins.

2) *Seidlitz powders* were a popular remedy taken for indigestion. A Seidlitz powder was two powders - one wrapped in blue paper and one in white paper. The two powders were thoroughly dissolved in half a pint of water and the resulting solution was drunk while it effervesced.

3) The *Ile de France* was a large cruise ship that could not dock in small harbors.

4) The *March of Time* was one of the most famous US weekly newsreel series shown at movies, narrated by Westbrook van Voorhis.