HARRIGAN

1907

The 1908 stage show "Fifty Miles From Boston" introduced one of two Cohan songs that used the device of spelling out an important word of the lyric, "Harrigan". The other is "When We Are M-A Double R-I-E-D". There were many Irish immigrants in Boston at the time, and it is only natural that a musical about Boston should have an Irish flavor to at least one of its songs.

The show was one of Cohan's earliest, following by only a few years his first Broadway stage production, "The Governor's Son", of 1901.



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