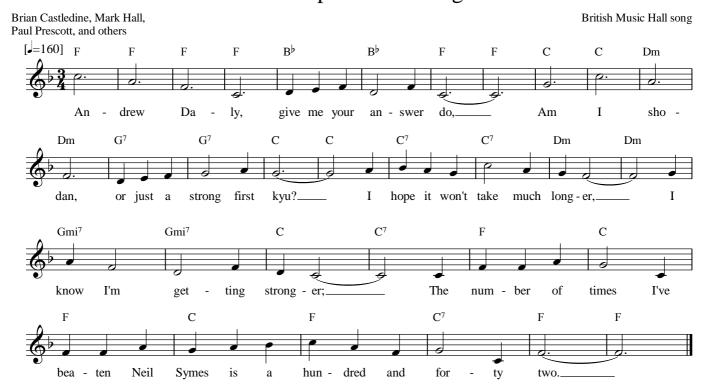
10. The promotion song



Andrew Daly, give me your answer do, Am I shodan, or just a strong first kyu? Ihopeitwon'ttakemuch longer, I know I'm getting stronger; The number of times I've beaten Neil Symes Is a hundred and forty two. Oh, Paul Prescott, won't you promote at all? I've been ni-dan longer than T Mark Hall. I know that my go is lousy, But it can't be worse than Dowsey. While you keep debating I just go on waiting So when will I get the call?

Oh, Jon Diamond, won't you promote me, please? I've played 5-dans, 4-dans and several threes, I get some superb positions, But I make the wrong decisions, When I try to improve, It's that silly quick move That brings about my demise.

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