

egyptian ella (1938)  
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when the first sweet notes of the music sound  
the boys all gather from miles around  
just to see egyptian ella

and folks all know when those caravans  
start pouring in from desert sands  
that it must be egyptian ella

then mister sphinx sits up and blinks  
there's so much to see  
she squirms and shakes so the worms and snakes  
all bite themselves with jealousy

she's a great big gal in a great big land  
and the boys all give her a great big hand  
how they love egyptian ella

the boys hang a round but she plainly states  
she doesn't care a fig about dates  
and they can't make egyptian ella

a sheik tried to kidnap her once i'm told  
but she shook so much that he lost his hold  
he couldn't hold egyptian ella

so the pasha wrote her a royal note  
with his royal fist  
it said because of the dance she does  
she's in his royal waiting list

and that's how fame of a different sort  
has come at last from an indoor sport  
to our own egyptian ella.