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Bill Tapia was 17 years old when Sam M. Lewis and Joe Young with Harry Akst wrote this timeless number in 1925

Sam M. Lewis was born in 1885 in New York, and died in 1959 in his home town. Sam was actively writing from 1912 through the 1930's. Joe Young was born in 1889, also in New York City, and died there in 1939. During WW I, he entertained the troops. It is interesting to note that most composing teams consisted of a music writer and a lyricist. However, the team of Sam M. Lewis and Joe Young was rather unique. They were a team of lyricists, - who worked with various tune composers. Sam Lewis and Joe Young were a Tin Pan Alley powerhouse team, an astounding number of hit songs had their lyrics. Among their other famous early lyrics are

- Rockabye Your Baby With A Dixie Melody in 1918
- Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue in 1924
- How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm in 1919
- I'm Sitting on Top of the World in 1925

Harry Akst was born in 1894 in New York City and died in 1963 in Hollywood. Harry was a Tin Pan Alley composer, writing songs on demand. Over his lifetime, he worked with many different lyricists including Gus Kahn, Sam M. Lewis and Joe Young, and Al Jolson, with whom he toured during WW II. Some of his other hit songs were Baby Face in 1926 & Am I Blue? in 1929

F Dinah, Is there anyone finer, in the state of Carolina, **C7**

F If there is and you know her... Show her to me! **C7**

F Dinah, with her Dixie eyes blazin',

C7 How I love to sit and gaze into the eyes of Dinah Lee **F**

Dm (C#+) Dm Ev'ry night why do I shake with fright,

G7 C7 Dm G7 Because my Dinah might change her mind about me **C7**

F Dinah, if she wandered to China,

C7 I would hop an ocean liner, just to be with Dinah Lee **F**

- (turnaround with **C7**)