

A COCKEYED OPTIMIST

AABA Form

from *South Pacific*

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Music by RICHARD RODGERS

Con anima

Crnt-time
2 bars = 1 bar

pp

NELLIE

① **A** (16 bars)

When the sky is a bright ca - na - ry yel - low

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I for - get ev - 'ry cloud I've ev - er seen So they

call me a cock - eyed op - ti - mist, Im - ma - ture and in -

A' (16 bars)

cur - a - bly green! I have heard peo-ple rant and rave and

bel - low That we're done and we might as well be dead

But I'm on - ly a cock - eyed op - ti - mist And I

B (16 bars)

can't get it in - to my head. I hear the hu - man

poco rit

race Is fall - ing on its face And has - n't ver - y far to

poco rit

a tempo

go, But ev 'ry whip-poor - will Is sell - ing me a

a tempo

bill And tell - ing me it just ain't so. I could

A² (28 bars)

say life is just a bowl of jel - lo, And ap - pear more in -

tel - li - gent and smart _____ But I'm stuck (like a dope!) with a



Extended Ending

thing called hope, And I can't get it out of my heart. _____

poco a poco cresc.



Not _____ this _____ heart. _____

(mf)

