

Miss Otis Regrets

Cole Porter

This tune started as a cocktail party improvisation. It became popular enough that it was referenced the next year in the classic song "Lulu's Back in Town."

C G7 C Dm↓
 Miss Otis regrets she's unable to lunch today madam
 C C G7 G7
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 C C7
 She is sorry to be delayed
 F C Dm↓
 But last evening down in Lover's Lane she strayed madam
 C G7 C// A// Dm// G7//
 Miss Otis regrets she's unable to lunch today

C G7 C
 When she woke up and found that her dream of love was gone

Dm↓
 Madam
 C C G7 G7
 She ran to the man who had led her so far astray

C C7
 And from under her velvet gown

F C Dm↓
 She drew a gun and shot her lover down madam
 C G7 C// A// Dm// G7//
 Miss Otis regrets she's unable to lunch today

C G7 C
 When the mob came and got her and dragged her from the jail

Dm↓
 Madam
 C C G7 G7
 They strung her up on the old willow across the way

C C7
 And the moment before she died

F C Dm↓
 She lifted up her lovely head and cried madam
 C G7 C C
 Miss Otis regrets she's unable to lunch today

This song has been done as a funeral dirge in the original, an up-tempo dance number by Bette Middler, and everything in between.

