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My story is simple, but I expect it's a common one. I've been learning to play piano and I love old music. My uncle gave me a photocopy of sheet music for a 1934 parlor piece that my grandfather used to sing, I found copy of Scott Joplin's original 1902 score for "The Entertainer," and a friend who collects old music gave me a photocopy of her antique sheet music to a 19th-century music-hall song. I've scanned them all on my home scanner and I'd like to put them on the Web for others to download, but I've no way of knowing if these are actually out of copyright. Plus, copyright holders are so aggressive these days that I'm afraid even if these pieces \*are\* in the public domain someone might convince my ISP to shut down my account under the DMCA, and if that happened there'd be no good way for me to prove I was in the right. So instead, I just gave up and have kept these scans to myself. It's just not worth the risk to share with others.