The Slide Rule Song
from *The Physical Revue*

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(solo)  F

1. Don't bring the answers in on bits of paper, And
write them on your thumbnail, that's the worst place. Don't

F

F7

don't be crude and write them on your cuff. The proctors would catch on to such a
write them in the lining of your hat. You really shouldn't be here in the

Bb  F  C7  F (chorus)

caper, And you can bet they'd get you soon enough. Yes, the
first place, If you can't be more original than that. No, you

Bb

proc-tors would catch on to such a caper, And
really shouldn't be here in the first place, If you

F  C7  F (solo)  F (solo)

you can bet they'd catch you soon enough. 2. Don't that. A-
can't be more original than

Bb  F  F7  Bb

gainst such things they have a justified rule, They expel you without benefit of

F

Bb  C7

doubt, But if you hide the answers in your slide rule, It's 8 to 5 that no one will find

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out. Yes, If you hide the answers in your slide rule, It's 8 to 5 that no one will find out.