



**Scott Joplin (1867?-1917)**

The African American composer Scott Joplin is known as the "King of Ragtime." Ragtime was one of the first truly American styles of music. Joplin wrote great piano rags. These include "The

Entertainer" and "Maple Leaf Rag." Joplin was born in Texas. He made a living as a young man by playing in social clubs, including the Maple Leaf Club in Sedalia, Missouri.