

# SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN — 1934

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*Eddie Cantor (1933)*

**D**uring the dimmest days of the Depression, tin-pan-alley songwriter Haven Gillespie left his childhood home of Covington, Kentucky, and took what would become a life-altering trip to New York City. He wasn't feeling well, his foot was sore, and rain water was leaking through his shoes. He was in no mood to fulfill the strange assignment his music publisher, Edgar Bittner of Leo Feist, Inc., unexpectedly thrust upon him and his partner, J. Fred Coots. One of the few comforts he relied on as he pondered the unusual request was a letter he carried with him from his wife, Corene, written on October 10th, 1933.