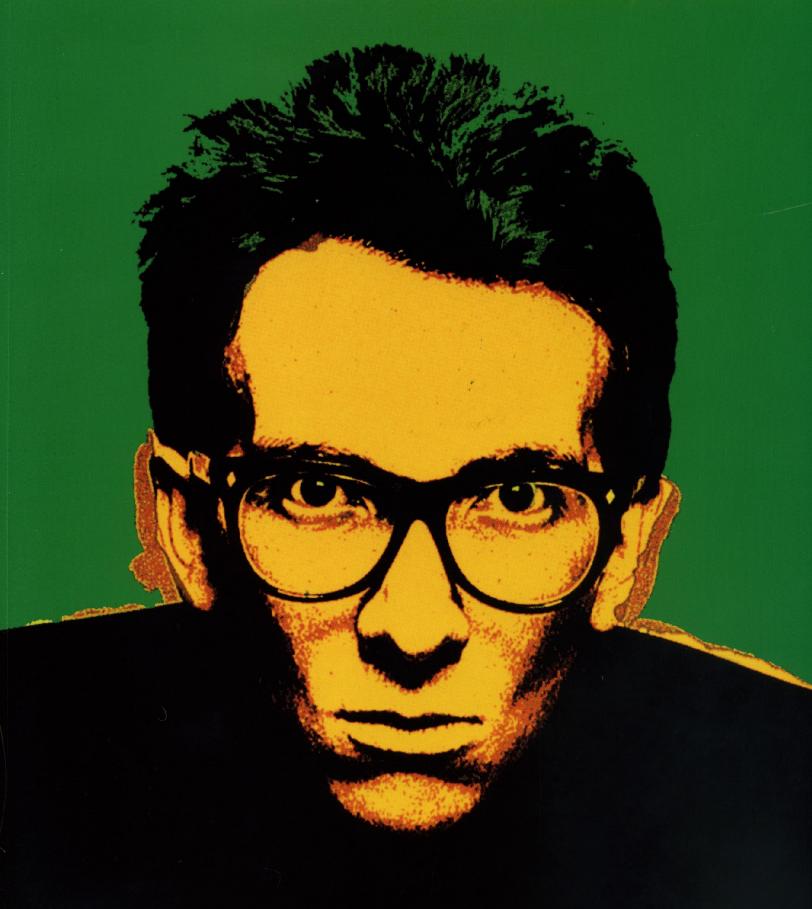
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(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love And Understanding

Words and Music by Nick Lowe









Verse 2:

And as I walk on through troubled times My spirit gets so downhearted sometimes So where are the strong and who are the trusted? And where is the harmony, sweet harmony?

'Cause each time I feel it slip away
Just makes me wanna cry
What's so funny 'bout peace, love and understanding?
Oh, what's so funny 'bout peace, love and understanding?

Verse 3:

Instrumental 8 bars
So where are the strong and who are the trusted
And where is the harmony, sweet harmony?

'Cause each time I feel it slip away
Just makes me wanna cry
What's so funny 'bout peace, love and understanding?
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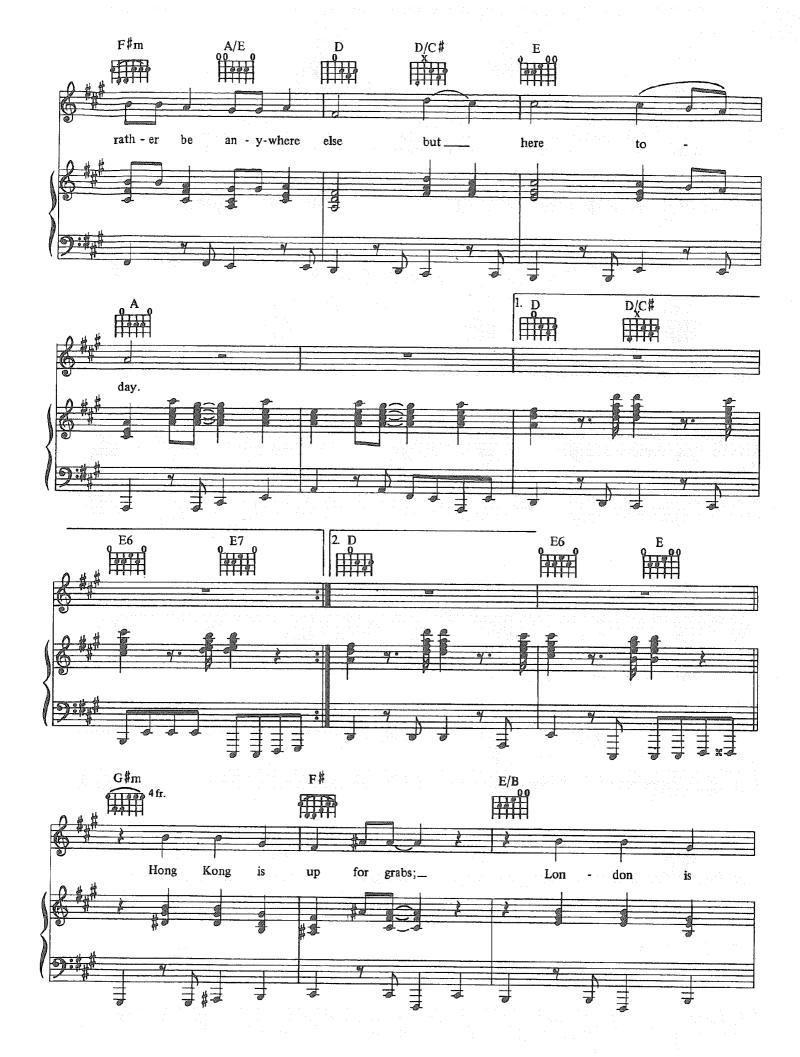
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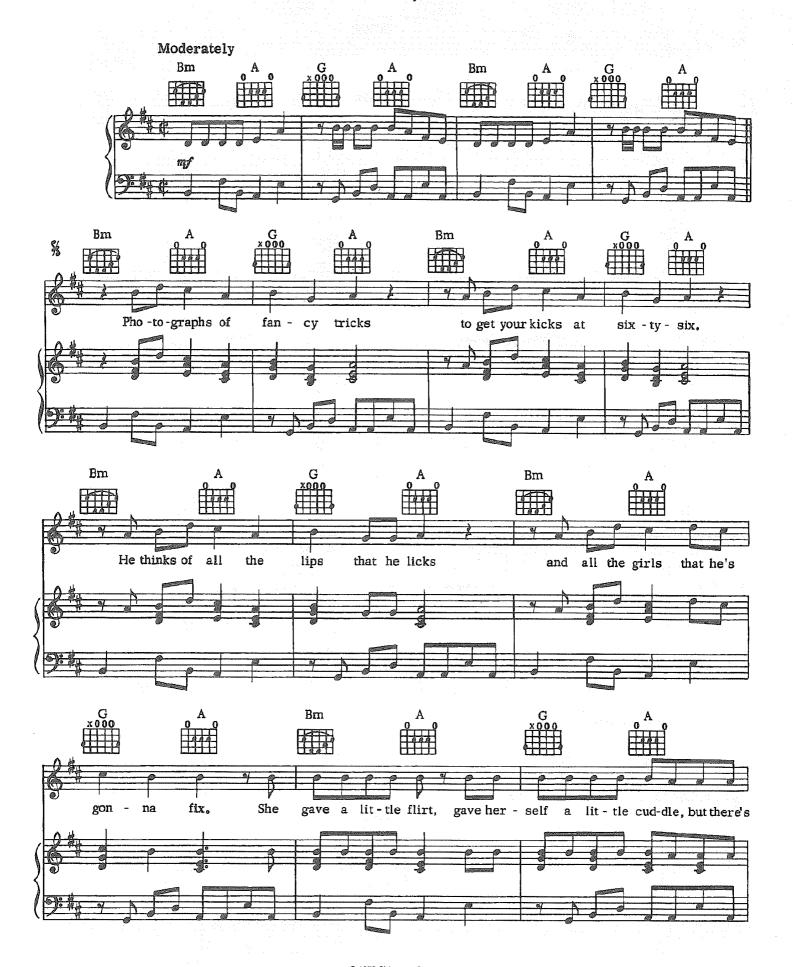






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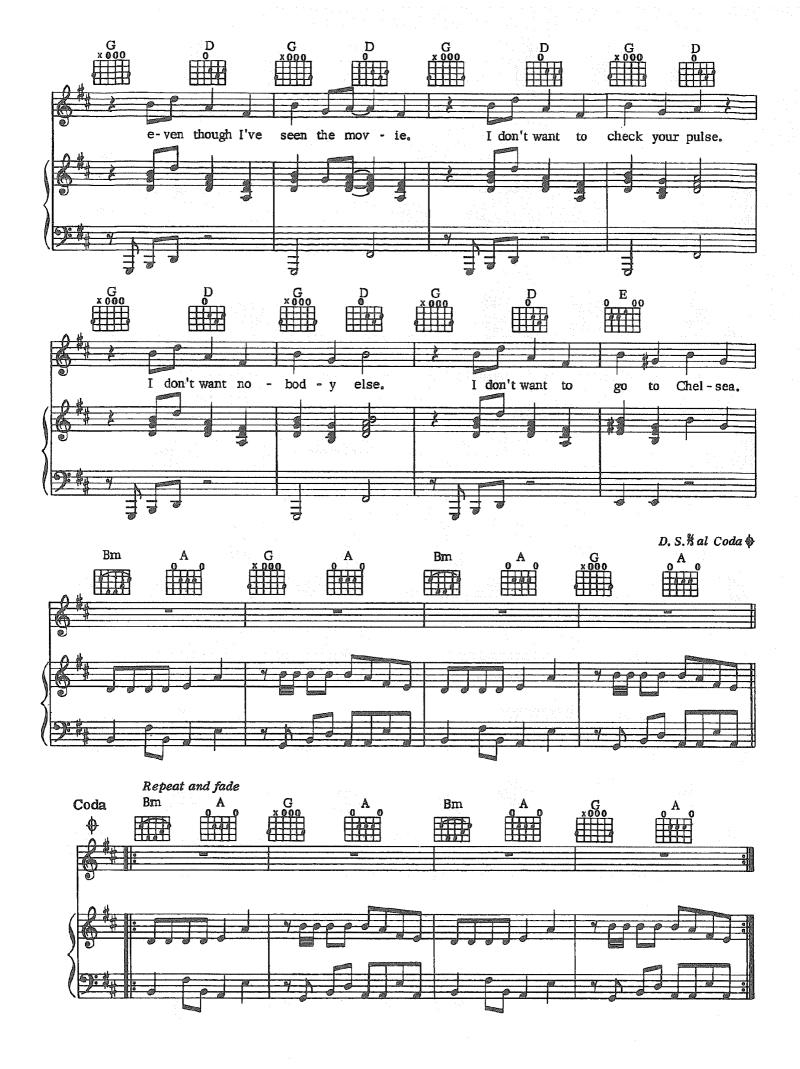


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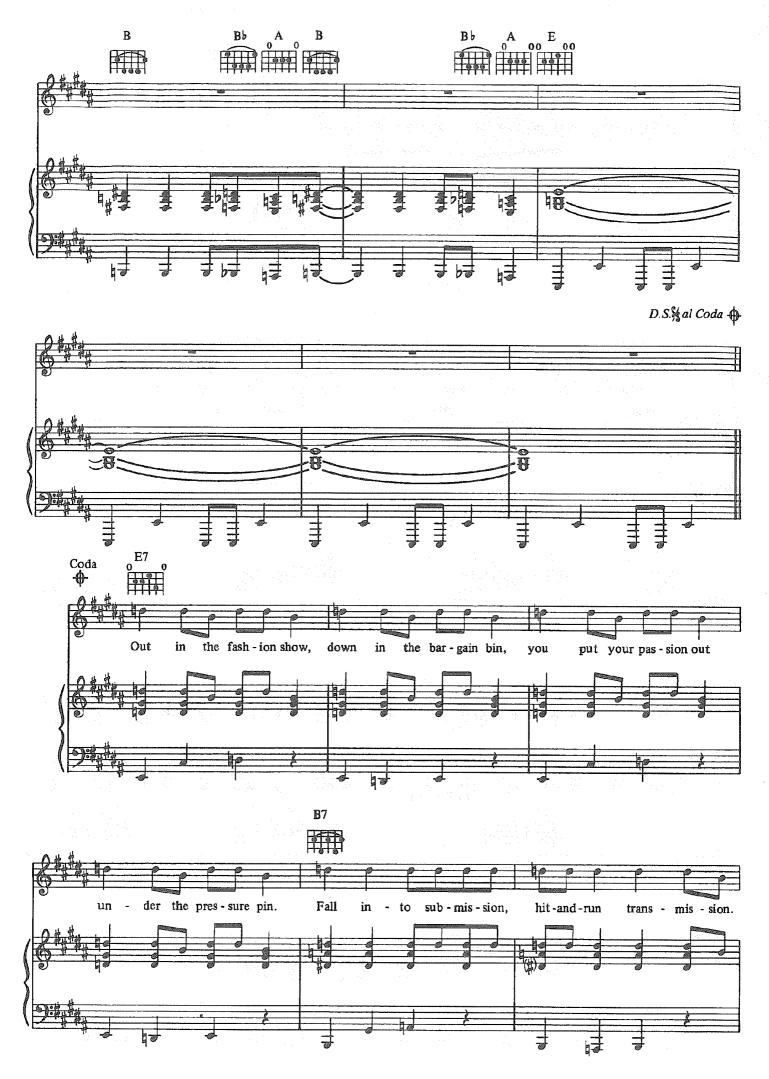
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I Can't Stand Up For Falling Down

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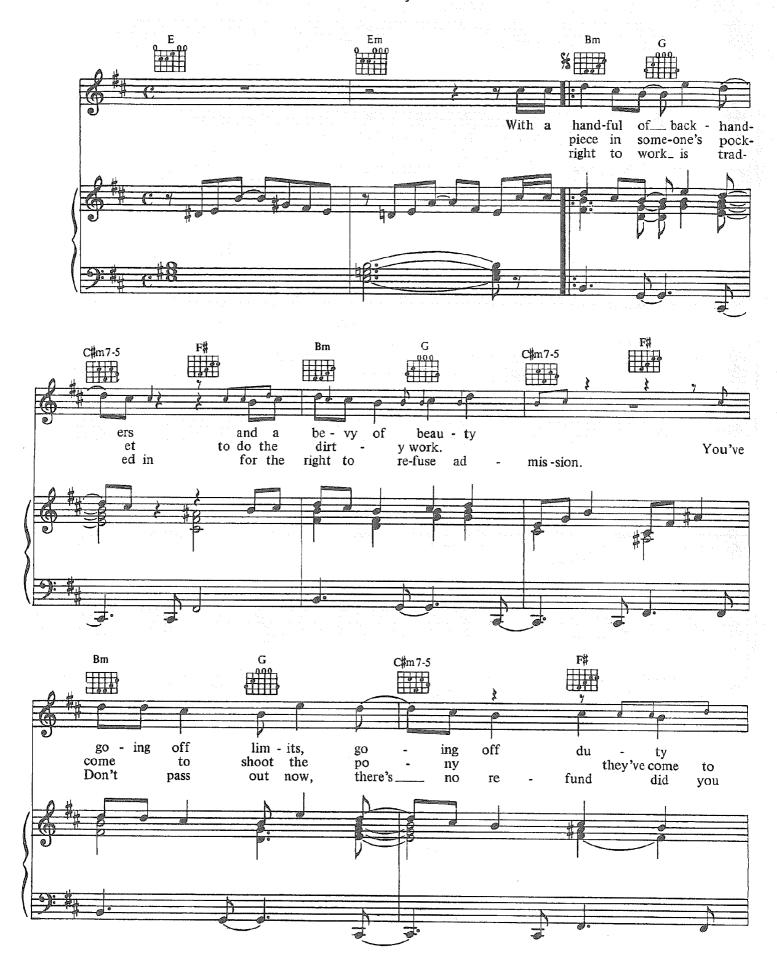




Verse 2:
Simple though love is
Still it confused me
Why I'm not loved
The way I should be
Now I've lived with heartaches
And I've roomed with fear
I've dealt with despair
And I've wrestled with tears.

Glubland

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Good Year For The Roses

Words and Music by Jerry Chesnut



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Verse 2:
After three full years of marriage
It's the first time that you haven't made the bed
I guess the reason we're not talkin'
There's so little left to say we haven't said
While a million thoughts go racing through my mind
I find I haven't said a word
From the bedroom the familiar sound
Of a baby's cryin' goes unheard.

Man Out Of Time

Words and Music by Elvis Costello



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I Wanna Be Loved

Words and Music by Farnell Jenkins









Verse 2:
I guess I'm a victim of loneliness
But why should this be my destiny?
A foolish man for a lot of my life
Shouldn't there be someone
Someone for me?
I hope and I pray some happy day
That I'll be around to hear you say
I wanna be loved
I just wanna be loved.

Everyday I Write The Book

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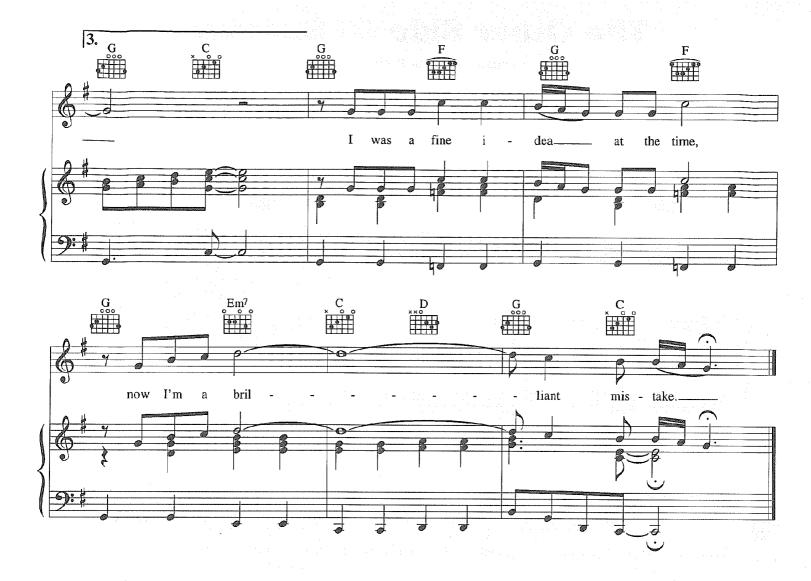
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Verse 2:

She said that she was working for the ABC News It was as much of the alphabet as she knew how to use Her perfume was unspeakable, it lingered in the air Like her artificial laughter, her mementos of affairs.

Oh, I said, I see you know him
Isn't that very fortunate for you?
And she showed me his calling card
He came third or fourth and there were more than one or two.

He was a fine idea at the time Now he's a brilliant mistake.

Verse 3:

He thought he was the King of America
But it was just a boulevard of broken dreams
A trick they do with mirrors and with chemicals
The words of love in whispers and the axe of love in screams.

I wish that I could push a button And talk in the past and not the present tense And watch this loving feeling Disappear like it was common sense.

I was a fine idea at the time Now I'm a brilliant mistake.

The Other Side Of Summer

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Verse 2:

Was it a millionaire who said "imagine no possessions"? A poor little schoolboy who said "we don't need no lessons" The rabid rebel dogs ransack the shampoo shop The pop princess is downtown shooting up And if that goddess is fit for burning The sun will struggle up, the world will still keep turning.

On %:

Madam standing by the side of the road saying
"Look at my eyes, look at my eyes, look at my eyes,"
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Now you can't afford to fake all the drugs your parents used to take
Because of their mistakes you'd better be wide awake.

Sulky Girl

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Verse 2:
She left her European town
Before she let the family down
She couldn't stand the Massacre Game
So she dyed her hair and adopted another name.
With the evidence of passing out
Stamped on her hand
She glows in the dark
He thinks she's from another planet.

Verse 3:
He said "Hello my pretty flower"
Just trying out his tycoon power
Avoiding the mirror, her pitying stare.
She said "You're mistaken, your money's no good in here."
Just some stupid little know-it-all
Who thought she looked easy
He's not that astute
He'll pay for the distance between cruelty and beauty.

Tokyo Storm Warning

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Verse 2:

So you look around the tiny room and you wonder where the hell you are While the KKK convention are all stranded in the bar. They wear hoods and carry shotguns in the main streets of Montgomery But they're helpless here as babies 'cause they're only here on holiday.

Verse 3:

With the black sand stuck beneath her feet in a warm Sorrento sunrise A barefoot girl from Naples or was it a Barcelona high-rise? Whistles out the tuneless theme song of a hundred cheap suggestions And a million false seductions and all those eternal questions.

Verse 4:

So they flew the Super Constellation all the way from Rimini And feasted them on fish and chips from a newspaper facsimile Now dead Italian tourists' bodies litter up the Broadway Some people can't be told, you know they have to learn the hard way.

Verse 6:

Japanese God Jesus robots telling teenage fortunes
For all we know and all we care they might as well be Martians.
They say gold paint on the palace gates comes from the teeth of pensioners
They're so tired of shooting protest singers that they hardly mention us.
While fountains fill with secondhand perfume and sodden trading stamps
They'll hang the bullies and the louts that dampen down the day.

Verse 7:

We braved the cold November air and the undertaker's curses
Saying "Take me to the Folies Bergère and please don't spare the hearses."
For he always had a dream of that revolver in your purse
How you loved him till you hated him and made him cry for mercy
He said "Don't ever mention my name there or talk of all the nights you cried.
We've always been like worlds apart now you're seeing two nightmares collide."

Veronica

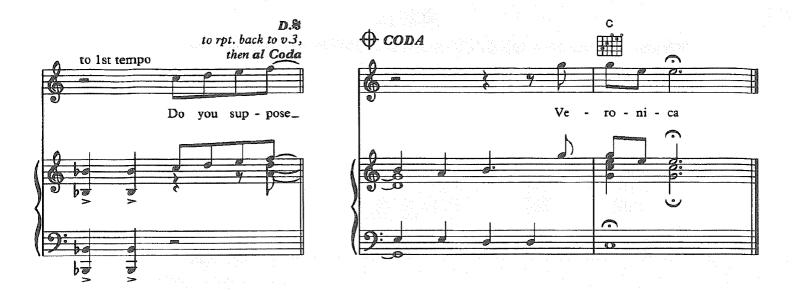
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Verse 2
Did the days drag by? Did the favours wane?
Did he roam down the town all the time?
Will you wake from your dream with a wolf at the door,
Reaching out for Veronica?
Well it was all of sixty-five years ago
When the world was the street where she lived,
And a young man sailed on a ship in the sea
With a picture of Veronica.

Verse 3 Veronica sits in her favourite chair And she sits very quiet and still, And they call her a name that they never get right And if they don't then nobody else will. But she used to have a carefree mind of her own, With devilish look in her eye, Saying, 'You can call me anything you like, but My name is Veronica'.

She Theme from the BBC/TV Series SEVEN FACES OF WOMAN

Lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer Music by Charles Aznavour



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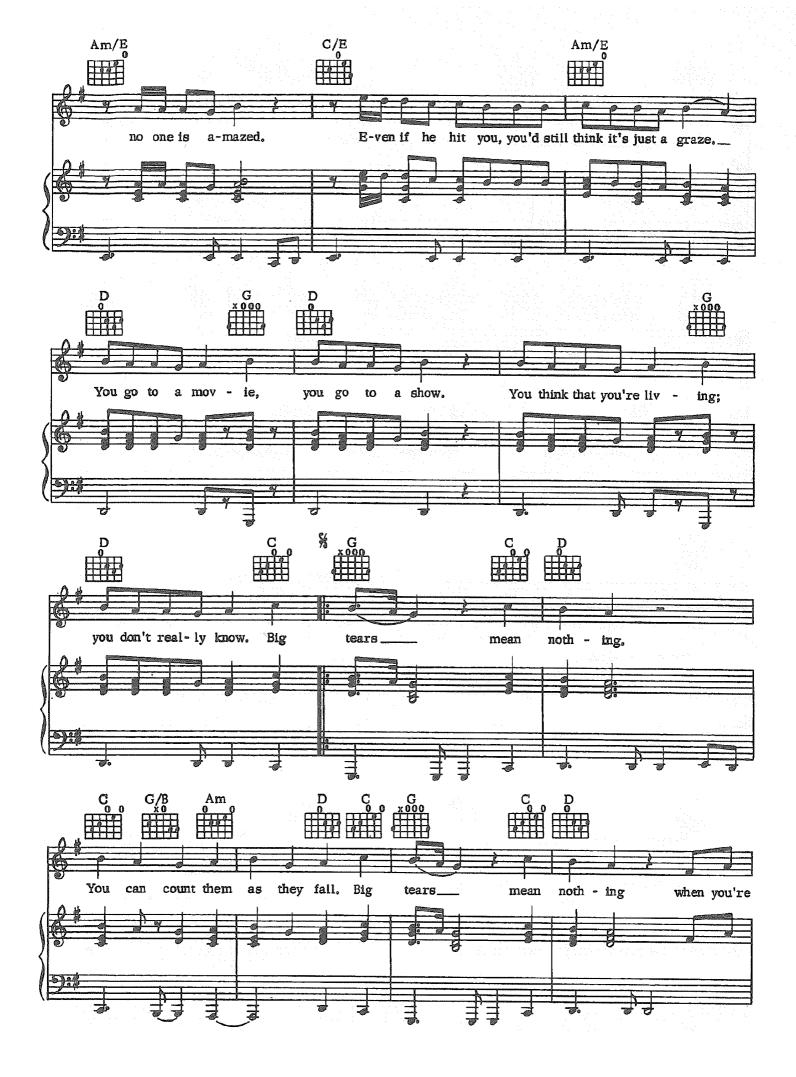
Verse 4:
She may be the reason I survive
The why and wherefore I'm alive
The one I'll care for through the rough and ready years.
Me, I'll take her laughter and her tears
And make them all my souvenirs
For where she goes I've got to be
The meaning of my life is she, she, she.

Big Tears

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Verse 2:
Here lies a picture of a girl
Her arms are tight around that lucky guy
And it's so like Candy.
And in her eyes a certain look
I thought I'd seen the last of long ago
And it's so like Candy
So like Candy.

Verse 3:
Here lie the records that she scratched
And on the sleeve I find a note attached
And it's so like Candy
"My darling dear, it's such a waste"
She couldn't say 'goodbye', but "I admire your taste"
And it's so like Candy
So like Candy.

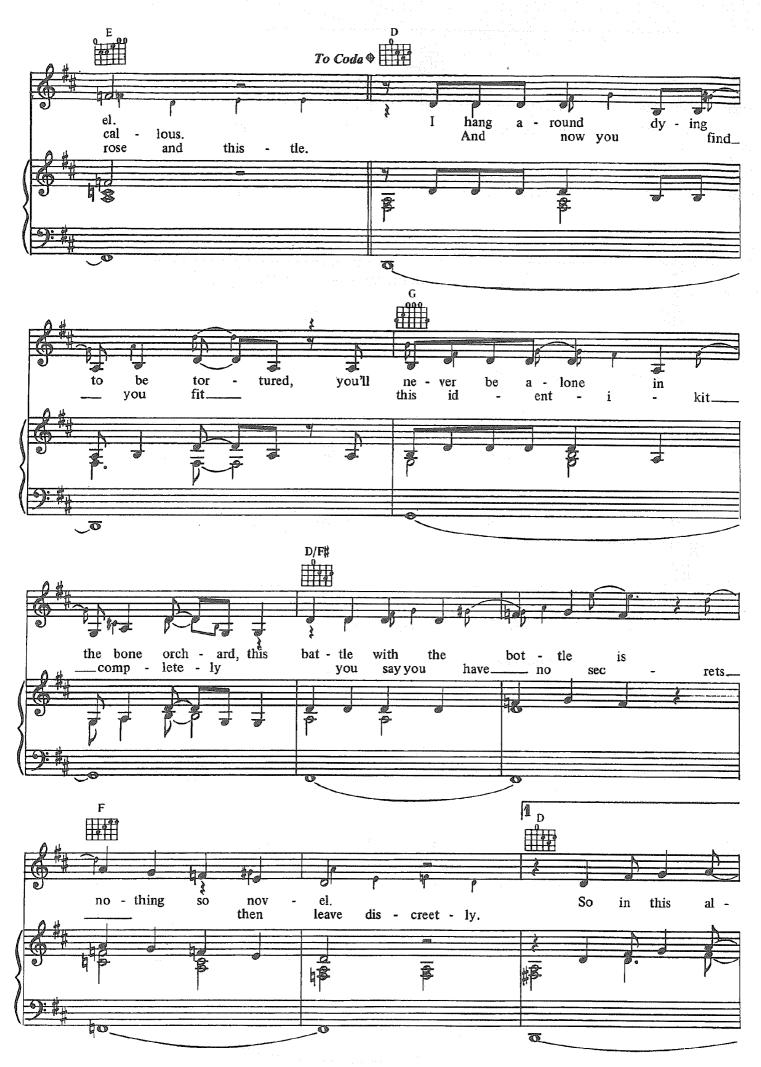
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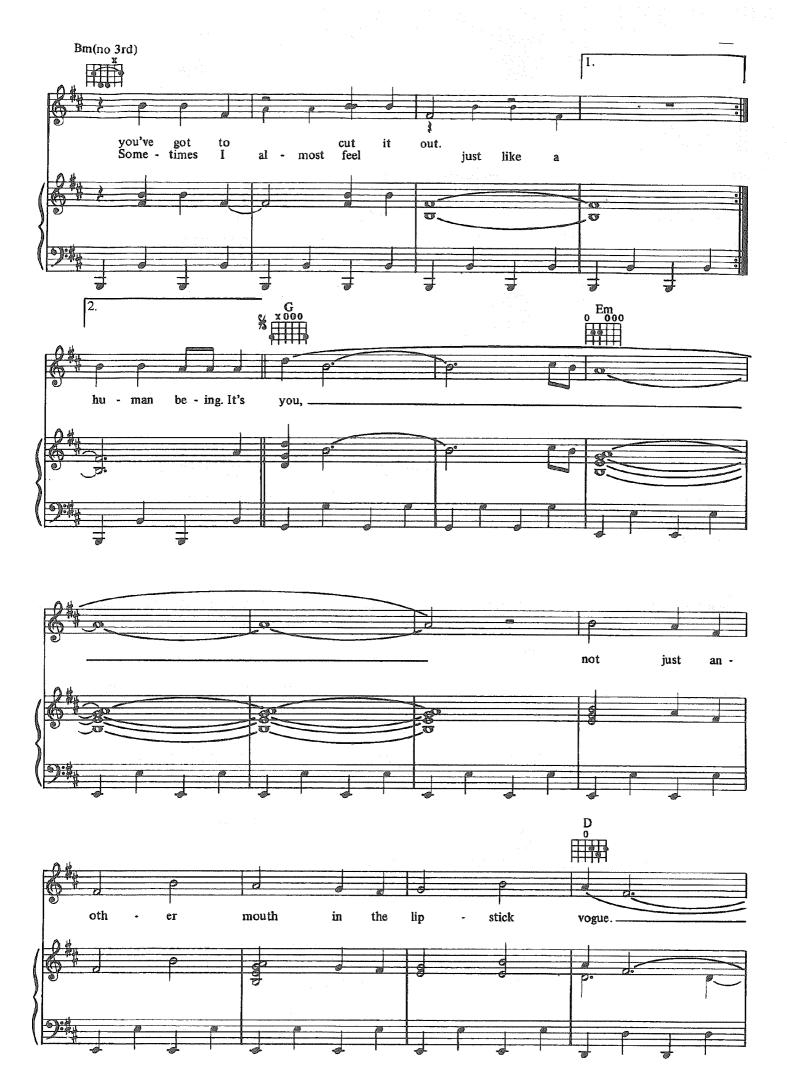


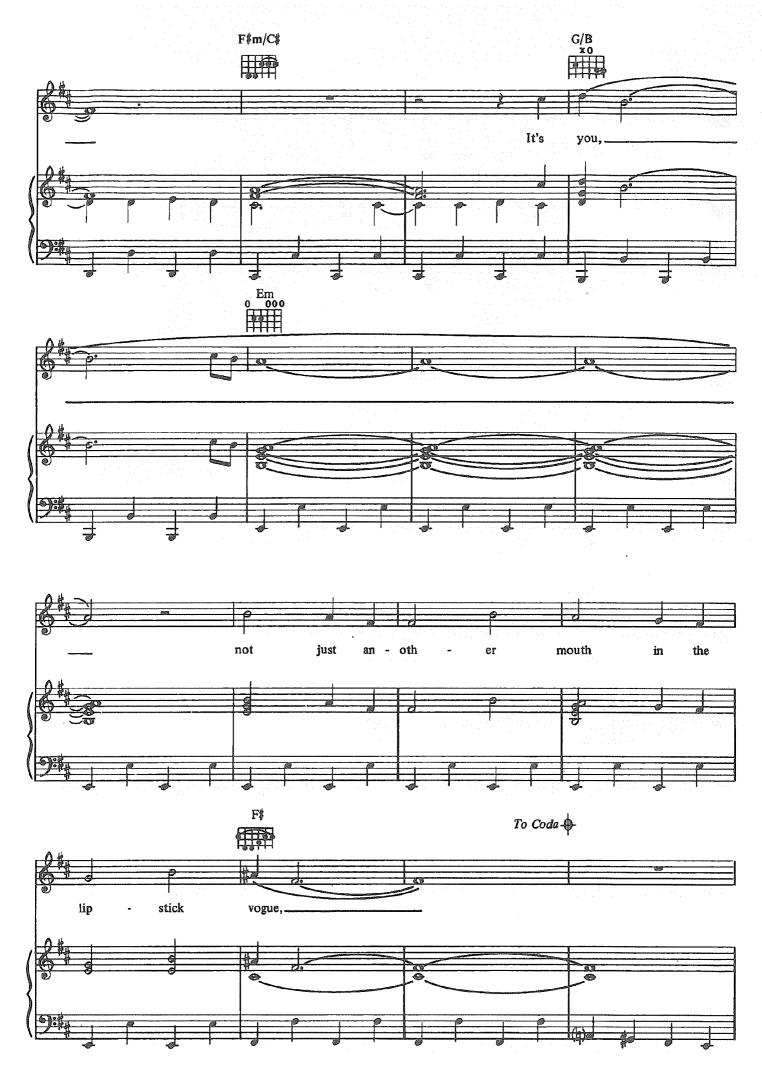
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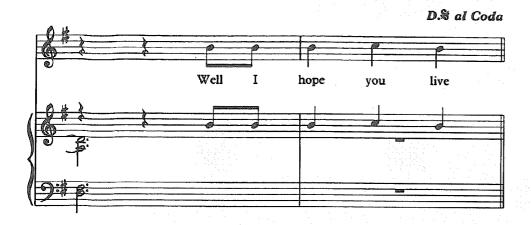


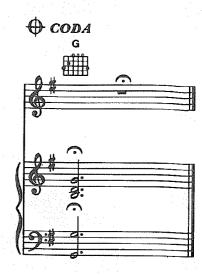












Verse 2

And now the cynical ones say that it all ends the same in the long run. Try telling that to the desperate father who just squeezed the life from his only son,

And how it's only voices in your head and dreams you never dreamt. (Try telling him the subtle difference between justice and contempt.)

Verses at A

- 1. (Try telling me she isn't angry with this pitiful discontent.)
- 2. When they flaunt it in your face as you line up for punishment.
- 3. And then expect you to say 'Thank you', straighten up, look proud and pleased.
- 4. Because you've only got the symptoms, you haven't got the whole disease.
- 5. Just like a schoolboy, whose head's like a tin can, filled up with dreams then poured down the drain.
- 6. Try telling that to the boys on both sides, being blown to bits or beaten and maimed.

D.S.

Well I hope you live long now, I pray the Lord your soul to keep I think I'll be going before we fold our arms and start to weep. I never thought for a moment that human life could be so cheap 'Cause when they finally put you in the ground, They'll stand there laughing and tramp the dirt down.

High Fidelity

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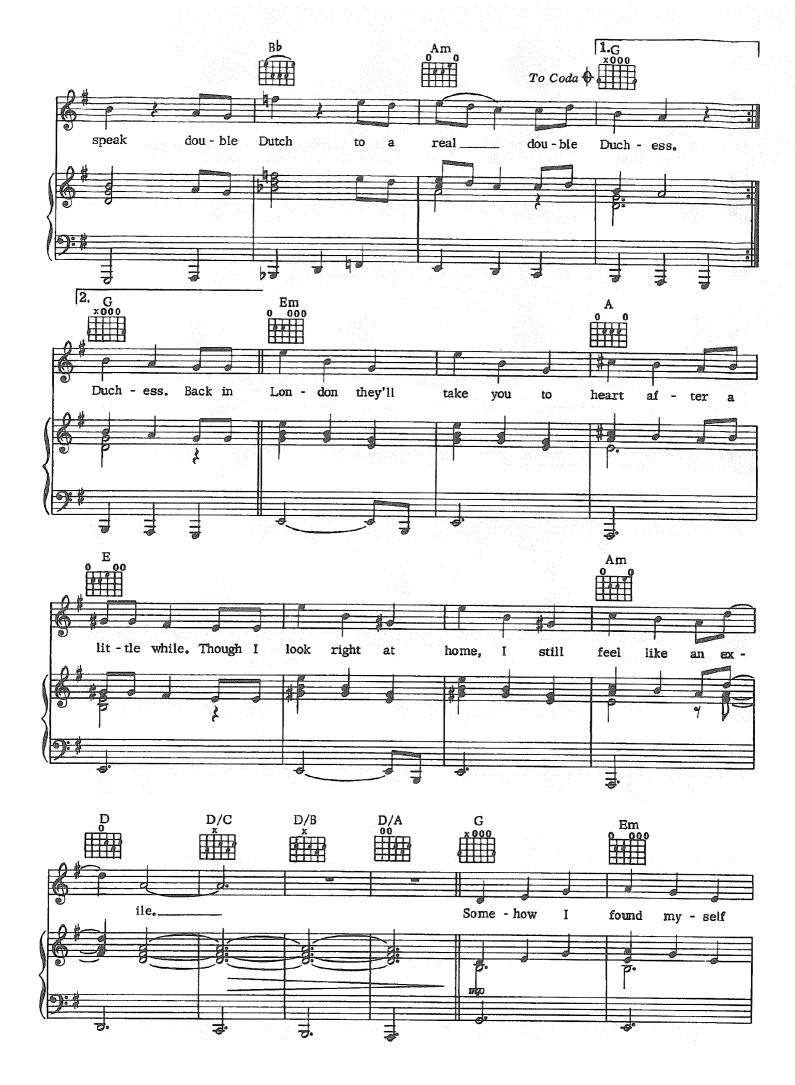
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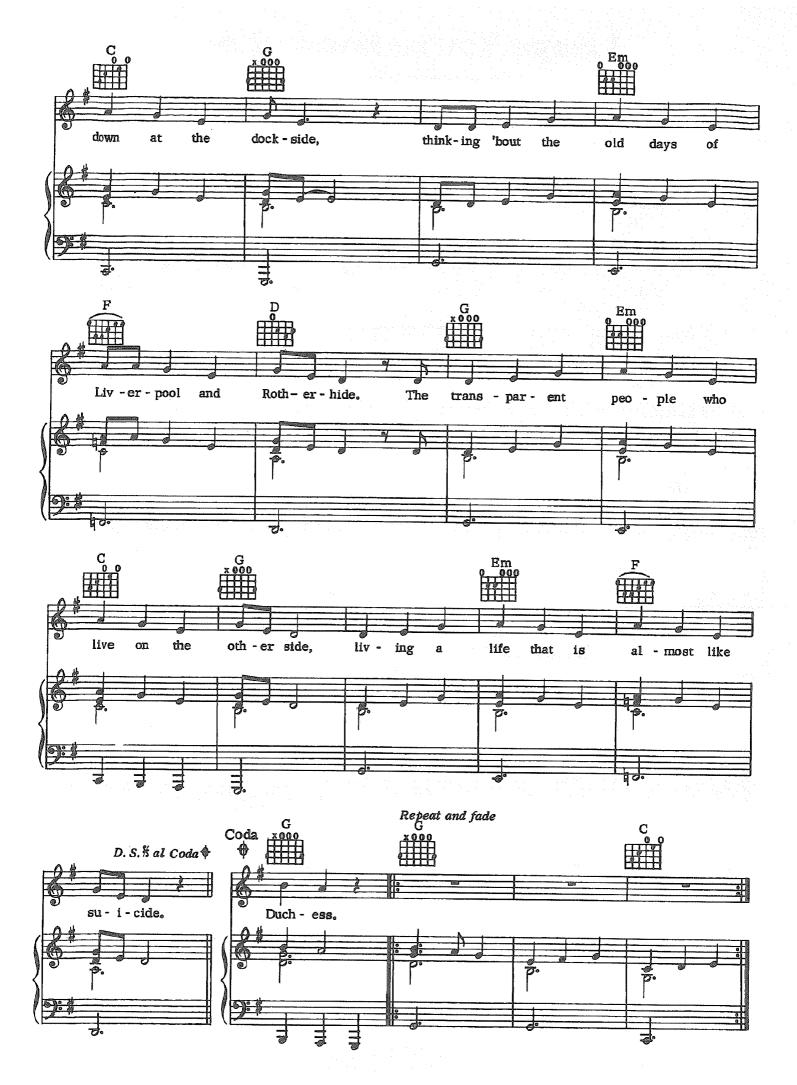
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I Hope You're Happy Now

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Verse 2.

He's got all the things you need and some that you will never But you make him sound like frozen food, his love will last forever Still he knows what you want and what don't allow And I hope that you're happy now.

Verse 3:

He's acting innocent and proud, still you know what he's after Like a matador with his pork sword while we all die of laughter In his turquoise pyjamas and his motorcycle hat And I hope you're happy now because you'll soon put paid to that.

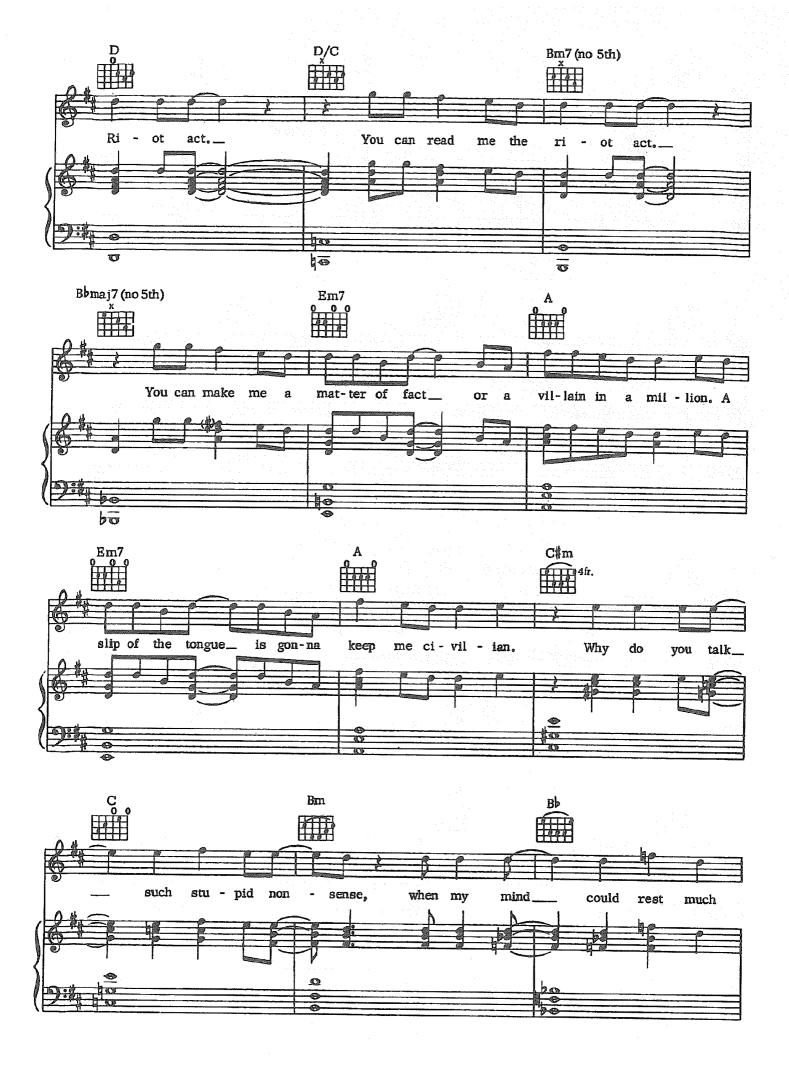
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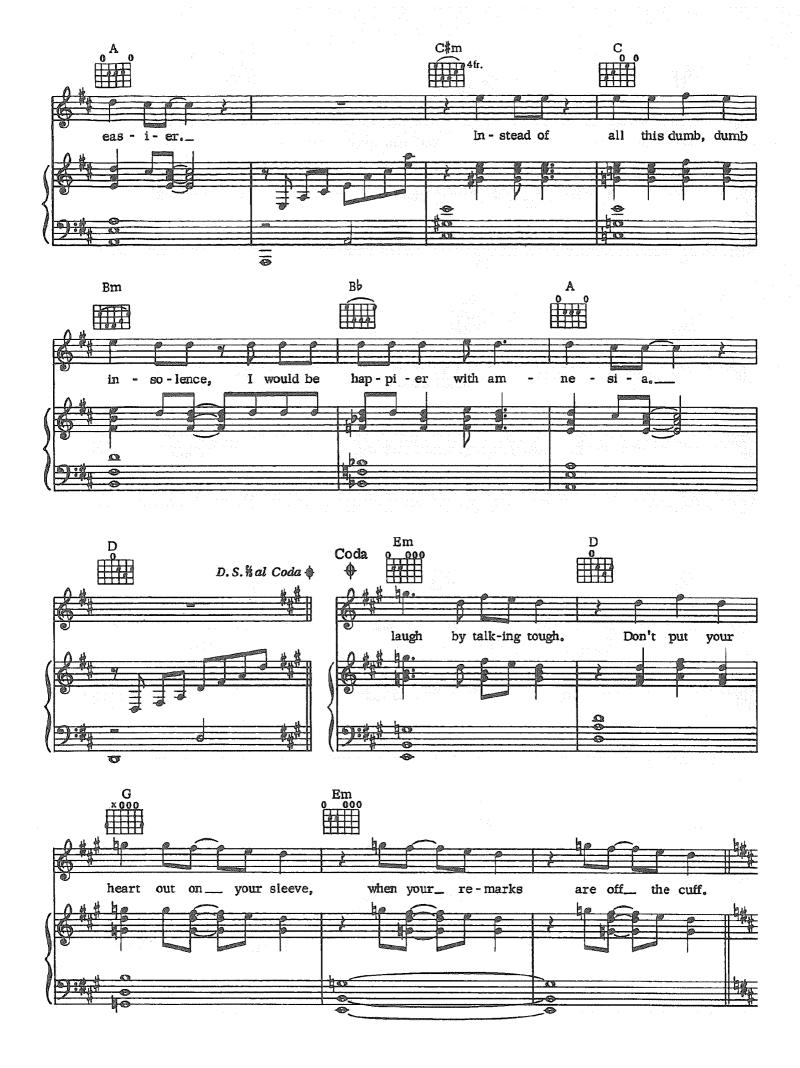
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My Funny Valentine from BABES IN ARMS

Words by Lorenz Hart Music by Richard Rodgers





Indoor Fireworks

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Verse 2:
You were the spice of life
The gin in my vermouth
And though the sparks would fly
I thought our love was fireproof
Sometimes we'd fight in public darling
With very little cause
But different kinds of sparks would fly
When we got on our own behind closed doors.

Verse 3:
It's time to tell the truth
These things have to be faced
My fuse is burning out
And all that powder's gone to waste
Don't think for a moment dear
That we'll ever be through
I'll build a bonfire of my dreams
And burn a broken effigy of me and you.

Almost Blue

Words and Music by Elvis Costello

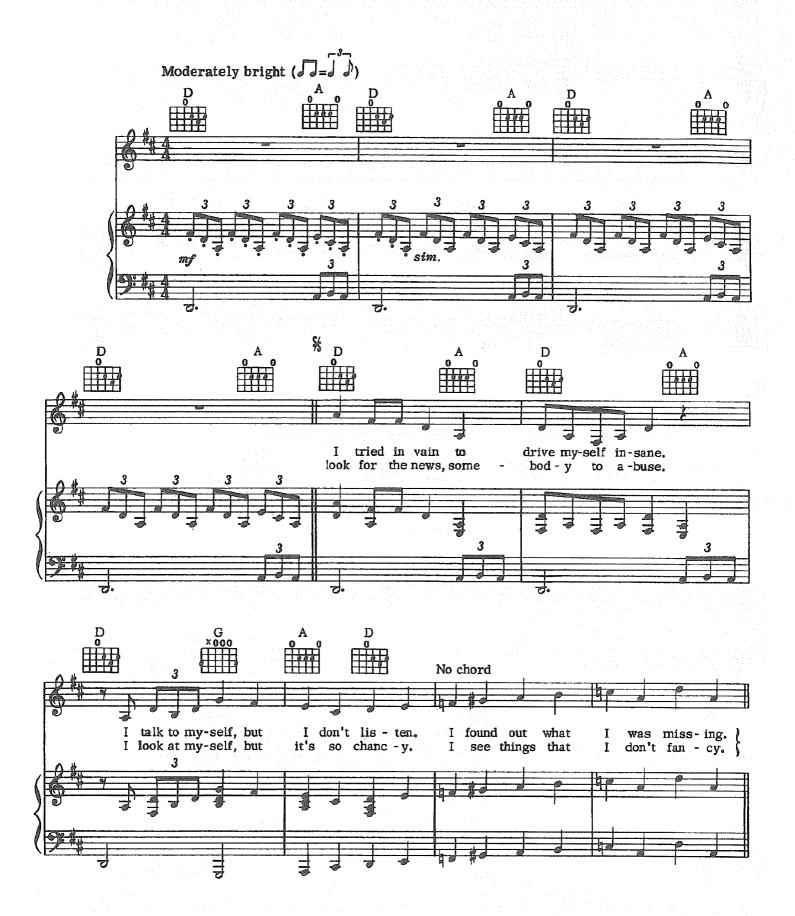


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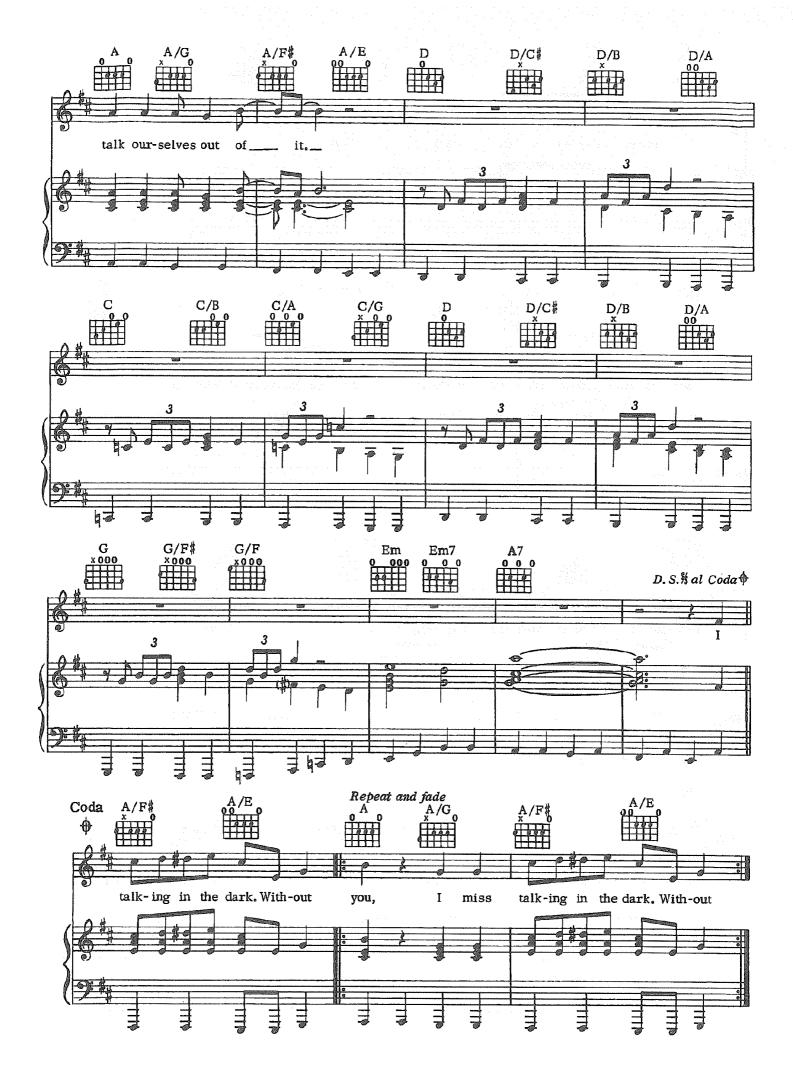
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I Want You

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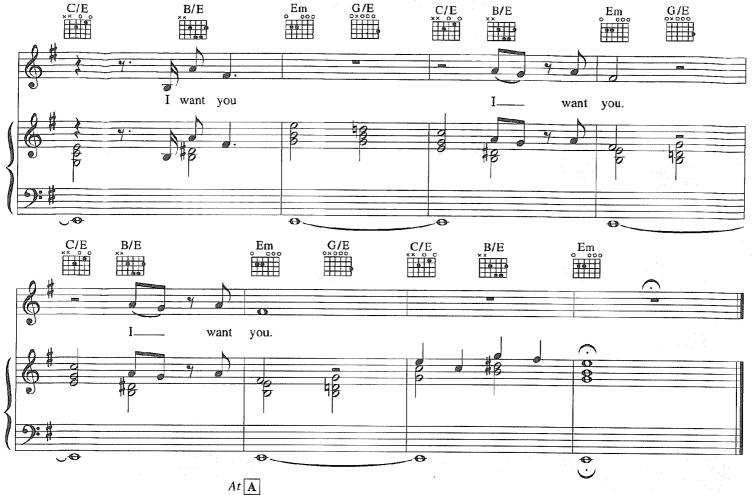












Verse 2:

Oh my baby, baby

I want you so, it scares me to death

I can't say anymore than "I love you"

Everything else is just a waste of breath.

At B

Verse 4:

I want you, did you mean to tell me but seem to forget?
I want you, since when were you so generous and inarticulate?

Verse 5:

I want you, it's the stupid details that my heart is breaking for It's the way your shoulders shake and what they're shaking for

Verse 9:

I want you, I not ashamed to say I cried for you

I want you, I want to know the things you did that we do too

Verse 10:

I want you, I want to hear he pleases you more than I do

I want you, I might as well be useless for all it means to you.

Verse 11:

I want you, did you call his name as he held you down?

I want you, oh no my darling, not with that clown

I want you.

Verse 12: (%)

I want you, you've had your fun, you don't get well no more

I want you, no one who wants you could want you more

I want you.

That Day Is Done

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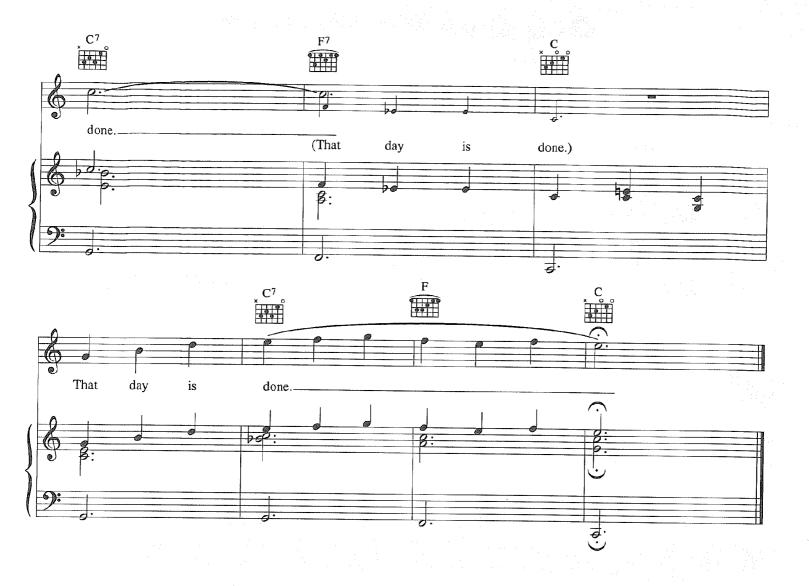
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Verse 2:

It's just a promise, that I made I said I'd walk in her parade Hot scalding tears I thought would flow Still in my heart they'll never show.

Verse 3:

Well I recall the time and place When they announced her precious face I thought at once my heart would burst Still, everytime is like the first.

Verse 4:

There was applause as she stepped up I wished that I could interrupt I made no sign, I made no sound I know I must stay underground.

Verse 5:

She sprinkles flowers in the dirt That's when a thrill becomes a hurt I know I'll never see her face She walks away from my resting place.

God Give Me Strength

Words and Music by Elvis Costello and Burt Bacharach











Verse 2:
I can't hold on to her
God give me strength.
When the phone doesn't ring
And I'm lost in imagining
Everything that kind of love is worth
As I tumble back down to the earth.

That song is sung out etc.

Verse 3 D.%.:
Instrumental 14 bars
Since I lost the power to pretend
That there could ever be a happy ending.

That song is sung out etc.

I Want To Vanish

Words and Music by Elvis Costello



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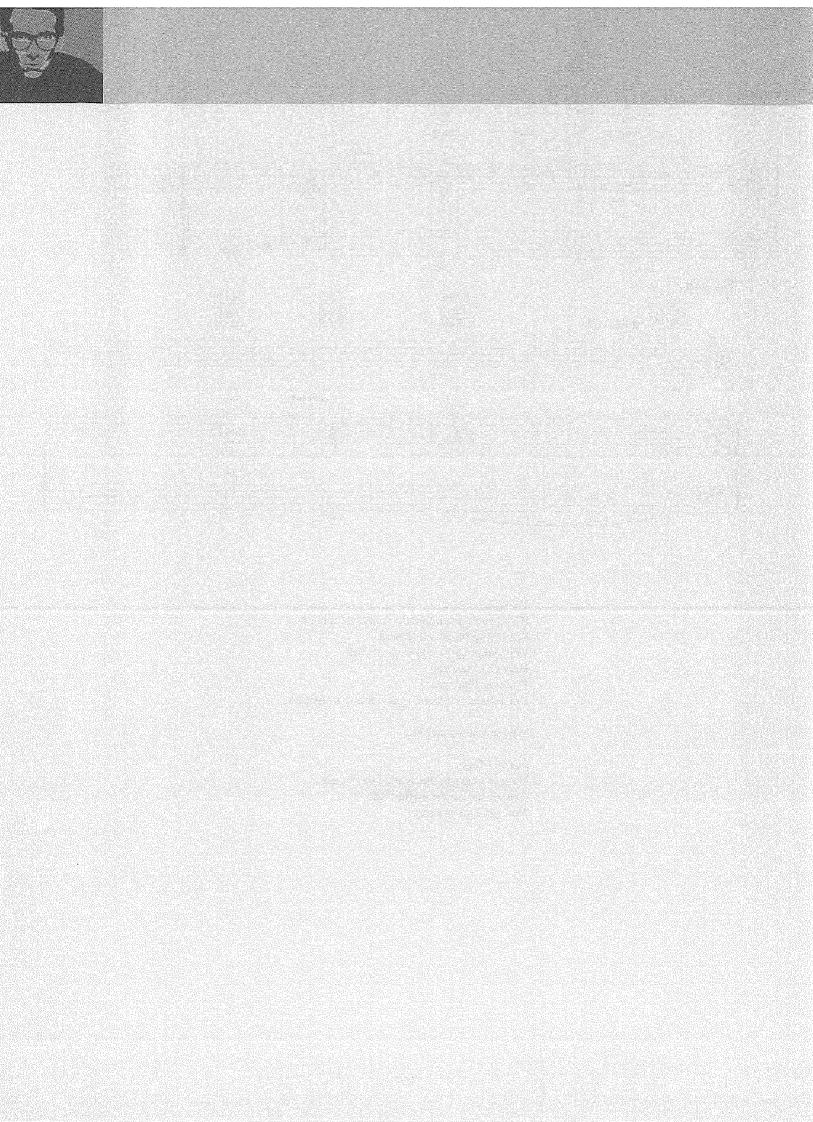


Verse 2: If you should stumble upon my last remark I'm crying in the wilderness I'm trying my best to make it dark How can I tell you I'm rarer than most? I'm certain as a lost dog pondering a signpost.

Whether in wonder etc.

Verse 3 D.%.:

I want to vanish, this is my last request I've given you the awful truth Now give me my rest.



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