

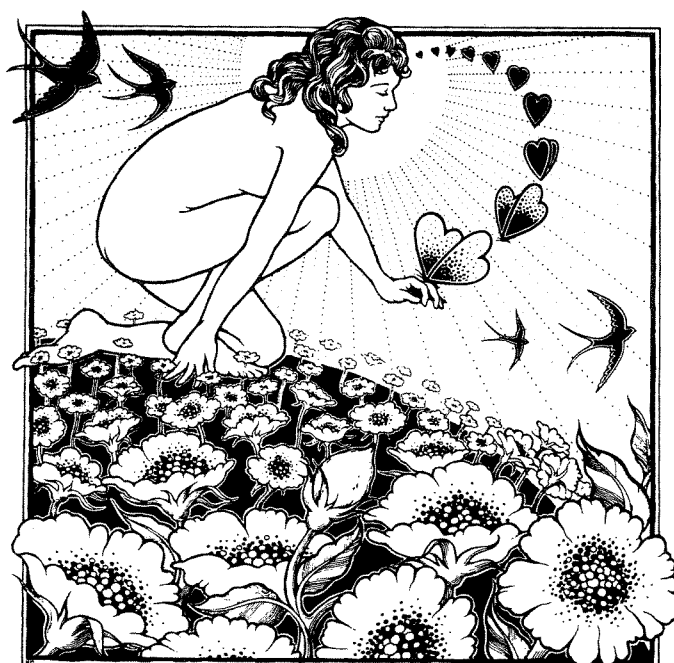
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for-tune as it falls. There may come a time when I will see that I've been wrong. But for

F Gm7 F Gm7 F Gm7

now this is my song. And it's good - bye to love,

F Gm7 C7 F

I'll say good - bye to love.

Gm7 C7 F Gm7 C7

Ah

F Am F7 Bb6 Bbm F Dm6 C

Ah

F Am F7 Bb6 Bbm F Bb C F

Repeat and fade

know of love is how to live with - out it. I just can't seem to
some - one to be - lieve in and to live for, Some-thing I could

F Bb C A7

find it.
live for,

So I've made my mind up I must
All the years of use - less search have
What lies in the fut - ure is a

Dm Dm6 F C7

live my life a - lone, And tho' it's not the eas - y way I
fin - 'ly reached an end. Lone - li - ness, and, emp - ty days will
mys - t'ry to us all, No one can pre - dict the wheel of

F Gm7 F Gm7

1 guess I've al - ways known I'd say good-
2 be my on - ly friend, From this

F Gm7 F Gm7

day love is for - got - ten, I'll go on as best I can. I'll say good-

Am7 D7 Bbm6 Gm7 C7

Goodbye To Love

Words by John Bettis
Music by Richard Carpenter

Moderato

mp

F Bb6 Fmaj7 Bb6

1. I'll say good-bye to love,
(2.) bye to love,

No one ev - er cared if I should live or die,
there are no to - mor - rows for this heart of mine,

F Bb C7 F

F#sus4 C7 A Dm Dm6

Time and time, a - gain the chance for love has passed me by and all I
Sure - ly time will lose these bit - ter mem'-ries and I'll find that there is

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— will — tell us so, And love may

Em7 Am

grow for all we know

Fmaj7 G7 F C Am7

(Waa)

Dm7 G7 C Em

Love,

Dm G7 C

look at the

C

say; And as we go from day to

Gmaj7 C Fmaj7 F6 Dm7

day. I'll feel you close two to of me, us,

C D7

But time a - lone will tell.
Stran - gers in man - y ways.

F6 Dm6 Ddim C6

Let's take a life - time to say

Em7 Am C D7

'I knew you well', For on - ly time

Gmaj7 C Fmaj7

LOVE WE KNOW

Words by Robb Wilson and Arthur James
Music by Fred Karlin

Moderato

mf

ritard

C7 F6 Fm C6 Dm7 G7

mp *a tempo*

Love, look at the two of us. stran -

C D7

gers in man - y ways.

F6 Dm Fm C Em7

We've got a life - time to share, so much to

Am C D7

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no get - ting o - ver that rain - bow, when my

C Gm7 F Dm7

small - est of dreams won't come true, I can

C Gm7 F Dm7

take all the mad - ness the world — has to give, but I

C C9 F C

1 won't last a day with - out you. When there's 2 won't last a day

Dm7 C G7 Dm7

with - out you. *ritard*

C F C F C

bring - ing, — I can't real-ly lose when you're near. — When you're

E C#m D B7 E

near my — love, if all my friends have for -

Dm7 G7 C Em7

got - ten half their pro-mis - es they're not un - kind, just hard to find.

F G7 Am Dm7

One look at you and I know that I could learn to live with -

C Em7 F G7

out the rest, I found the best, When there's

Am7 Dm7

no get - ting o - ver that rain - bow, when my small - est of dreams won't come

C Gm7 F Dm7 C Gm7

— true. I can take all the mad-ness the world_ has to give, but I

F Dm C C9 F C

won't last a day with - out you. —

Dm7 C F C F6

you. — Touch me and I end up sing - ing, —

C Am7 G

trou-bles seem to up and dis - ap - pear; you touch me with the love you're

Am D7 E(sus4) E F#m7 B7

I WON'T LAST A DAY WITHOUT YOU

Words by Paul Williams
Music by Roger Nichols

Moderato

mf

C C7 D7 Fm C D7

mp 1. Day af - ter day I must face a world of strangers where I
2. So man - y times when the ci - ty seems to be with - out a

F G7 C Em7 F G7

don't be - long, I'm not that strong; it's nice to know that there's
friend-ly face, A lone - ly place, it's nice to know that you'll

Am Dm7 C Em7

some - one I can turn to, who will al - ways care, You're al - ways there
be there if I need you and you'll al - ways smile, It's all worth while When there's

F G7 Am Dm7

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sprink - led moon dust in your hair of gold and star - light in your eyes of

Bb

blue. *mp* That is

C Bb Am Gm

why all the boys in town fol - low

Bb A7sus A7

you. all a - round. Just like me,—

Am7 Dm Bb

they long to be Close to you.—

F

Repeat and fade

stars fall down from the sky ev' - ry

Bb A7sus A7

time you walk by. Just like me,

Am7 Dm Bb

they long to be Close to you.

F F7

On the day that you were born the an - gels got to - geth - er and de -

Bb

- ci - ded to cre - ate a dream come true. So they

Am D7

X (They Long To Be) Close To You

Words by Hal David
Music by Burt Bacharach

Fairly slow

The musical score is written for piano and voice in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked 'Fairly slow'. The score consists of four systems of music. The first system shows the piano introduction with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, marked 'mp'. The second system begins the vocal entry with the lyrics 'Why do birds sud - den - ly ap - pear ev - ry'. The third system continues the vocal line with 'time you are near. Just like me, -'. The fourth system concludes with 'they long to be Close to you. Why do'. Chord symbols are provided below the piano parts: Gm, C7, F, Bb, A7 sus, A7, Am7, Dm, Bb, and F.

mp

Why do birds sud - den - ly ap - pear ev - ry

time you are near. Just like me, -

they long to be Close to you. Why do

Gm C7

F Bb A7 sus A7

Am7 Dm Bb

F

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seen. — here. — } I'm on the top of the world — look - in'

C7(4sus) C7 F Bb F Gm F

down on cre - a - tion and the on - ly ex - pla - na - tion I can

Bb Eb Bb Cm Gm F Gm Bb

find, — is the love that I've found ev - er

F F7 Eb F Bb C7

since you've been a - round, your love's put me at the top of the

F Bb F Bb F Gm7 C7

1 2

world. world.

F Gm7 C7 F

won't be sur - prised if it's a
pleas - in' sense of hap - pi - ness for dream.
me.

Gm Gm7 Bbm6 C7(4sus)

Ev' - ry - thing I want the world to be.
There is on - ly one wish on my mind,

C7 Bb C F C F Bb C F

is now com - ing true es - pe - cial - ly for me;
when this day is through I hope that I will find,

C7 Am Gm C7 F

And the rea - son is clear, it's be - cause you are
That to - mor - row will be just the same for you and

Eb F Bb C7 Am Gm6

here, you're the near - est thing to heav - en that I've
me, all I need will be mine if you are

D C D Gm7 Bbm6

Top Of The World

Words by John Bettis
Music by Richard Carpenter

Moderato

mf

F C7 F D7 Gm7 C7

mp

1. Such a feel-in's com-in' ov-er me there is
2. Some-thing in the wind has learned my name, and it's

F C F Bb C F C7

won-der in most ev'-ry-thing I see, not a
tell-'in' me that things are not the same, in the

Am Bb6 C7 F Eb F

cloud in the sky, got the sun in my eyes, and I
leaves on the trees, and the touch of the breeze, there's a

Gm C7 Am Gm6 D C D

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We start out walk-ing and learn to run. } And yes, we've just be-gun.
 We'll find a place where there's room to grow.

Dm Gm7 Fmaj7 Bb

Shar-ing hor-i-zons that are new to us, watching the signs along the

F Bb C D G D Gmaj7 D G

way. Talk-ing it ov-er just the two of us, working to-gether, day to

D Gmaj7 F# B F# Bmaj7 F# B

1 2 D.S. al Coda %
 day, to - geth - er. geth-er, to - geth-er.

Gm7 (Gm7) Gm7

⊕ CODA

And yes, we've just be - gun.

Gm7 Fmaj7 Gm7 Fmaj7

We've Only Just Begun

Words by Paul Williams
Music by Roger Nichols

Fairly slow

mp

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked 'Fairly slow' and 'mp'. It consists of four measures. The right hand plays a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand plays a bass line of eighth and quarter notes. The chords are F, Dm, F, Gm7, and C9.

F Dm F Gm7 C9

1. We've on-ly just be - gun — to live, — White lace and prom-i-ses,

F Bbmaj7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7

To Coda

A kiss for luck and we're on our way. —

2. Be-fore the ris-ing
3. And when the evening

Dm Gm7 C9 F

sun — we fly, — So ma - ny roads to choose,
comes — we smile, — So much of life a - head,

Bbmaj7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7

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way, on - ly yes - ter - day.

Dm Dm C

I have found my home here in your arms,

C F6

No - where else on earth I'd real - ly rath - er be.

Dm G7 C

Life waits for us, share it with me. the best is a - bout - to

Am D7 G Em

be, and so much is left - for us to see. - When I hold - you

F D7 G7 F G

D.S. al fine

Ba - by, ba - by, feels like may - be things will be all right.

Bb Dm

Ba - by, ba - by, your love's made me free as a song, - sing-in' for-ev - er.

Bb Dm7 G7 F G7

On - ly yes-ter day when I was sad - and I was lone - ly, You showed me the

C F C Dm G7 C

way to leave the past - and all its tears be-hind me. To-mor-row may be e-ven

F C Dm7 G F G E E7

bright - er than to - day, - since I threw - my sad - ness - a -

Am G6 A Dm G7 F G7

thru, and wait-in' was all— my heart could do.

F Dm7 C G

Hope was all— I had un-til you came;

C D7

May - be you— can't see how much you mean to me.

Ddim C

You were the dawn break-ing the night, the pro-mise of morn - ing

Am D7 G C

light, fil - ling the world,— sur - round - ing me.— When I hold you,

F D7 G7 F G

Only Yesterday

Words by John Bettis
Music by Richard Carpenter

Steady four

mf

Dm7 G7 Cdim Dm G7

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked 'Steady four'. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes G4, A4, B4, and A4. The bass line consists of eighth notes F3, G3, A3, and G3. The first measure is marked with a piano dynamic *mf*. The key signature has one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The introduction spans four measures, with chords Dm7, G7, Cdim, Dm, and G7 indicated below the staff.

mp Af - ter long - e - nough of be - ing a - lone,

C F6

The vocal entry begins with a piano dynamic *mp*. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are 'Af - ter long - e - nough of be - ing a - lone,'. The key signature has one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal entry spans two measures, with chords C and F6 indicated below the staff.

Ev' - ry - one must face their share of lone - li - ness.

Dm G7 C

The vocal continuation features a piano dynamic *mp*. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are 'Ev' - ry - one must face their share of lone - li - ness.'. The key signature has one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal continuation spans three measures, with chords Dm, G7, and C indicated below the staff.

In my own time no - bo - dy knew the pain I was go - in'

Am D7 G Em

The vocal continuation features a piano dynamic *mp*. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are 'In my own time no - bo - dy knew the pain I was go - in''. The key signature has one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal continuation spans four measures, with chords Am, D7, G, and Em indicated below the staff.

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get to the part - where he's break-ing her heart, - it can real - ly make me
 best mem-or - ies - come back clear- ly to me, - some can ev - en make me

Am C+ C

cry, just like be - fore, } It's yes-ter - day once more.
 cry, just like be - fore, }

Am6 C F C Cmaj7

1 (Shoo-biedo lang lang.) — Look - in' — Ev' - ry
 2

F6 Cmaj7 F6 F6 G

Sha - la - la - la — ev' - ry wo - wo — still shines. — Ev' - ry

C Am C Am7

shing - a - ling-a-ling that they're startin' to sing — so fine. — Ev' - ry

C Am7 Dm7 G

Repeat and fade

long, a go, — how I won - dered, where they'd gone. But they're
sing to them - and I'd mem - o - rise each word. Those old

Em Am C Fmaj7 Dm6 E7

back a - gain — just like a long lost friend, — all the songs I love so well.
melo - dies — still sound so good to me — as they melt the years a - way.

Am C F Dm7

Ev' - ry sha - la - la - la — ev' - ry wo — wo — still

G7 C Am

shines. — Ev' - ry shing-a - ling a - ling that they're

C Am7 C

star-tin' to sing — so fine, — { When they All my

Am Dm7 G

Yesterday Once More

Words and music by Richard Carpenter and John Bettis

Moderato

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music. The first system is an instrumental introduction with a piano (mf) dynamic, featuring a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system begins the vocal melody with the lyrics 'young I'd listen to the radio, wait-ing for my fav'-rite song.' The third system continues the vocal melody with the lyrics 'When they played I'd sing a - long, it made me smile.' The fourth system concludes the vocal melody with the lyrics 'Those were such hap - py times and not so It was songs of love that I would'. Chord symbols are provided below the bass line for each system: C, Am, C, Dm7, C, Em, Am, C6, F, Em, Dm7, and C. Dynamics include mf and mp. The tempo is marked Moderato.

mf

1. When I was *mp*

C Am C Dm7

young I'd lis - ten to the ra - di - o, — wait - ing for my fav'-rite song.
(2) back on how it was in years gone by — and the good times that I had,

C Em Am

When they played I'd sing a - long, it made me smile.
Makes to - day seem ra - ther sad, so much has changed.

C6 F Em

Those were such hap - py times and not so
It was songs of love that I would

Dm7 C

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Song! —————

La la do la da, La

mf

C F C

da la do la da, La da da la do la da.

Fmaj7 F

La do la da, La da la la da, La da da la do lo

C Fmaj7

1 da.

2 da.

La la do la da, La

F C G7 F C

da la do la da, La da da la do la da.

Fmaj7

Repeat and fade

Sing of hap - py, not sad.

Am D9 Dm7 G7

Sing! Sing a song. Make it

C F6

sim - ple to last your whole life long. Don't

C Gm C9

wor - ry that it's not good e - nough for an - y - one else to

F E7 Am7

hear. Sing! Sing a

D7 G7(4sus) G7

Sing

Words and music by Joe Raposo

Moderato

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a sequence of chords: G, F, G, F, G, F, C, F, C, G7. The left hand plays a simple bass line. The tempo is marked 'Moderato' and the dynamic is 'mf'.

G F G F G F C F C G7

The vocal entry begins with the lyrics 'Sing! Sing a song. Sing out'. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic base. The dynamic is 'mp'.

C F6

The second line of lyrics is 'loud, sing out strong.'. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line. The dynamic is 'mp'.

C Gm7 C7

The third line of lyrics is 'Sing of good things, not bad;'. The piano accompaniment features a sustained chord in the right hand and a moving bass line in the left hand. The dynamic is 'mp'.

F Dm7 C

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hurt - ing each oth - er! Mak-ing each oth - er cry. Hurt - ing each oth - er with -

F C F C

out ev - en know - ing why.

Bb F C

Can't we stop — hurt - ing each oth - er!

f - mp (C) F

Got - ta stop — hurt - ing each oth - er! Mak-ing each oth - er cry,

C F C

Break - ing each oth - er's heart. Tear - ing each oth - er a part.

F C F C Bb G7

Repeat and fade

could there be a boy as true as you love.
 than the sim - ple let - ters "A" and "B" are.

F

All my love I give glad - ly to, you. All your
 All my life I could love on - ly you. All your

Fm Fm7

love life you give glad - ly to me. Tell me
 life you could love on - ly me. Tell me

Cmaj7 D7

why then, oh why should it be that
 why then, oh why should it be that }

Fmaj7 C F

we go on hurt - ing each oth - er! we go on

C F C

Hurting Each Other

Words by Peter Udell
Music by Gary Geld

Fairly slow

mf

C F Fm C D7

1. No one in the world
2. Clo - ser than the leaves

mp

G7(sus4) G7 Gdim F

ev - er had a love as sweet as my love,
on a wee - pin' will - ow, ba - by, we are,

C

for no - where in the world
clo - ser, dear are we

Gm

down. Hang - ing a - round,

Em Am E Am Fmaj7

noth - ing to do but frown. Rain - y days and Mon - days al - ways get me -

Dm7 C F Dm Em F

down, *rallentando*

C Dm7 C Dm7 C

3. What I feel has come and gone before,
 No need to talk it out,
 We know what it's all about.
 Hangin' around, nothing to do but frown;
 Rainy Days and Mondays always get me down.

down.

1 2

C Dm7 C Dm7 C Bm7 E

Fun - ny but it seems I al - ways wind up here with you;

Am F G7 C

nice to know some bo - dy — loves — me,

Em F Dm G7 E

Fun - ny but it seems that it's the on - ly thing to do,

Am F G C

run and find the one who loves me.

Em F Dm G7 Dm G7

D.S. al Coda %

Rainy Days And Mondays

Words by Paul Williams
Music by Roger Nichols

Fairly slow

mp

C Dm7 C Dm7 C Dm7

1. Talkin' to my-self and feel - in' old,
2. What I've got they used to call the blues,

C Dm7 C Em Gm A

Some-times I'd like to quit,
Noth - ing is real - ly wrong,

Noth-ing ev - er seems to fit,
Feel-in' like I don't be - long.

Hang-in' a-round,
Walk-in' a-round,

Dm7 Em Fmaj7 Em Am Fmaj7

noth-ing, to do but frown;
some kind of lone - ly clown;

Rain-y days and Mon - days al - ways get me

Dm7 C Dm7 F

to Coda ♪

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Mis - ter Post-man look and see, - if there's a let - ter in your bag for me? -

C Am

Why it's tak - ing such a long time? Why don't you check it and see - one more

Fmaj7 F G

time for me? - You got - ta wait a min-ute, wait a min-ute.

C

Wait a min-ute, wait a min-ute, Ooo - Mis - ter Post - man

Am Fmaj7

Repeat and fade

look and see. - Come on de - liv - er the let - ter, the soon - er the bet - ter. -

G

G

or just a let - ter
say - ing he's re - turn - ing home - to me. — Mis - ter,

F Am

so
pat - ient - ly, —
for just a card

C

let - ter for me, ?
I've been - stand - ing here -
wait - ing Mis - ter Post - man,

1

F G

Please Mis - ter Post - man
look and see, —
if there's a let - ter, a

Am

word to - day
From my boy - friend
so far a - way. —

Please Mr. Postman

Words and music by B. Holland and F.C. Gorman

Moderato

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked Moderato. It features a melody in the right hand with a *mf* dynamic, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The left hand provides a steady bass line with eighth notes. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

C6

The vocal entry begins with the lyrics "Please Mis - ter Post - man, look and see — is there a let - ter in your". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line. The key signature remains Bb.

C Am

The vocal line continues with "bag for me?_ 'Cause it's tak - ing such a long time —". The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line with some chords. The key signature remains Bb.

Fmaj7 F

The vocal line concludes with "for me to hear from that boy of mine._ There must be some". The piano accompaniment provides a simple harmonic support. The key signature remains Bb.

G C

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stand - ing, a lov - ing touch. Come to

Bm Bbmaj7 Am Gm7

me when things seem wrong and there's no

Fmaj7 G7 C Am7

love to light the way.

Dm Em A7

mf Let me be the one you run to, Let me be the one you come to when you

F Em A

need some-one to turn to, let me be the one.

Dm G7(4sus) G7 C

Repeat and fade

mf Let me be the one you run to, Let me be the one you come to when you

F Em A

need some - one to turn to, — let me be the

Dm G7(4sus) G7

1 2
one. one.

C C C7 B7

mp For love and un - der - stand - ing, to find a qui - et

E C#m D#m7 D E7

place; For si - lent un - der -

C#m C D9

Let Me Be The One

Words by Paul Williams
Music by Roger Nichols

Slowly

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'Slowly'. The first system shows a melody in the treble and a bass line in the bass. The second system continues the melody and bass line. The third system includes lyrics for two versions of the song. The fourth system continues the melody and bass line.

mf

C F6 G7

F Dm7 Em C7

mp 1. Some sleep - less night, — if you should
2. To set things right, — when this old

F G7 C Am7

find your - self a - lone;
world's turned up - side down;

Dm Em A7

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game; with - out her love it al-ways ends the same. While

Am

This system contains the first line of the song. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are 'game; with - out her love it al-ways ends the same. While'. The chord 'Am' is indicated below the bass line.

life goes on a-round him ev' - ry where — he's play-ing Sol - i - taire.

F Dm G F C

This system contains the second line of the song. The melody continues in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are 'life goes on a-round him ev' - ry where — he's play-ing Sol - i - taire.'. The chords 'F', 'Dm', 'G', 'F', and 'C' are indicated below the bass line. A first ending bracket is shown above the final measure.

Sol - i - taire — And Sol - i-taire's the on-ly game in

F C C

This system contains the third line of the song. The melody continues in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are 'Sol - i - taire — And Sol - i-taire's the on-ly game in'. The chords 'F', 'C', and 'C' are indicated below the bass line. A second ending bracket is shown above the first measure of this system.

town, and ev' - ry road that takes him, takes him down. While

Am

This system contains the fourth line of the song. The melody continues in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are 'town, and ev' - ry road that takes him, takes him down. While'. The chord 'Am' is indicated below the bass line.

life goes on a-round him ev' - ry- where, — He's play-ing Sol - i - taire.

F Dm G C

Rubato
mp

This system contains the fifth line of the song. The melody continues in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are 'life goes on a-round him ev' - ry- where, — He's play-ing Sol - i - taire.'. The chords 'F', 'Dm', 'G', and 'C' are indicated below the bass line. The tempo marking '*Rubato*' and the dynamic marking '*mp*' are shown above the melody.

that went un - shared,
a lone - ly man,
Un - til it
Who would com -

Am G

died with - in his si - lence.
mand the hand he's play - ing. } And *mf*

F C

Sol - i-taire's the on - ly game in town, and ev'ry road that takes him, takes him

C Am

down. And by him-self it's ea - sy to pre - tend he'll nev - er

F Dm G

love a - gain, And keep - ing to him-self he plays the

F C C

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Solitaire

Words and music by Neil Sedaka and Phil Cody.

Fairly slow

mf

C Dm C Dm C Am7 D7 G7

mp

1. There was a man,
2. A lit - tle hope

a lone - ly
goes up in

man,
smoke,

Who lost his
Just how it

love — thru his in -
goes, — goes with - out

G

dif - fer - ence,
say - ing,

A heart that cared,
There was a man,

F C C Am C

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