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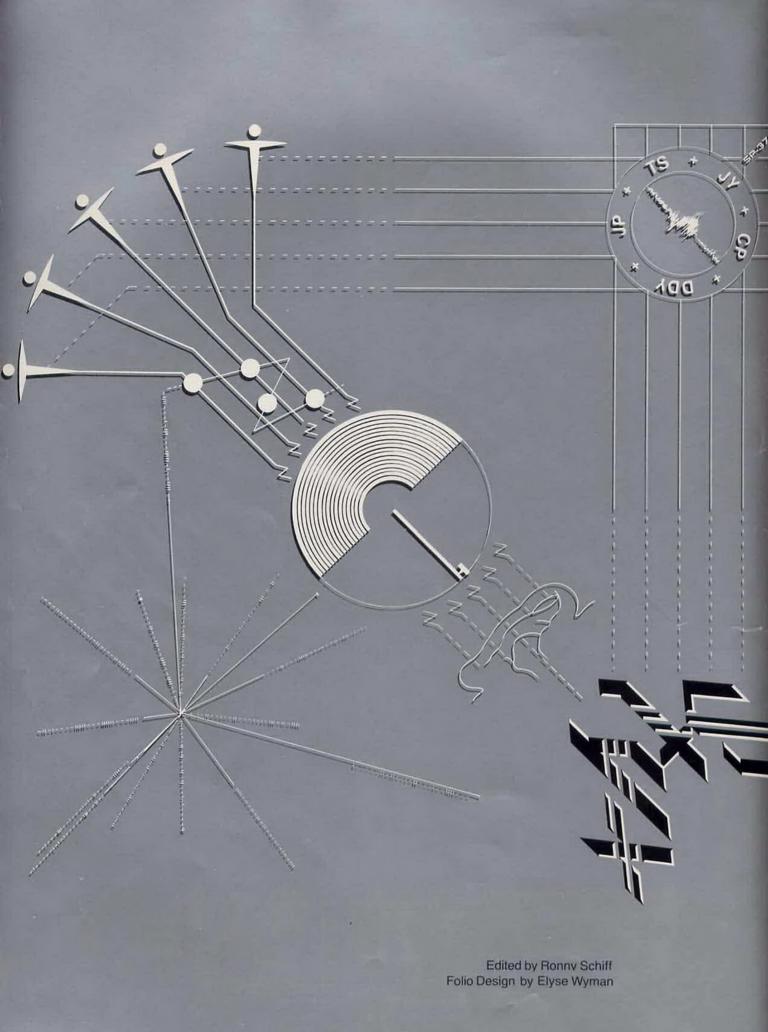
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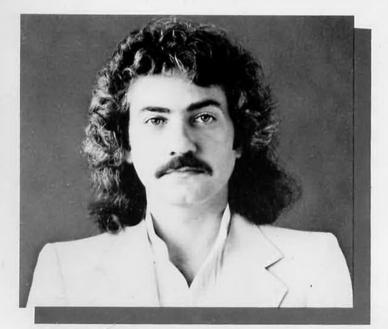


The Building of a Platinum Rock Group

Throughout the Nineteen Seventies, STYX established itself as one of the era's premier musical attractions. Their tours produced strings of sold-out appearances in major venues all over the world; their records consistently receive multi-platinum recognition. What was, and is, unique about the band is that all of this has been accomplished without massive media ballyhoo. STYX is the *people's* band. Their music, like their audience, taps into the mainline artery of dynamic musical energy. Its power is derived from an intuitive communication with the audience, a rapport that is unequaled in the decade.

STYX' history begins in Chicago in 1963 when twin brothers Chuck and John Panozzo began playing bass guitar and drums, respectively, and were joined by neighbor Dennis de Young on accordion. By 1968, the trio had added two guitarists, John Curulewski and James Young (J.Y.) and were playing in the Chicago area under the name The Tradewinds. In 1970 they signed with Wooden Nickel Records and changed their name to STYX. "It was one of the hundred names we tried," remembers J.Y., "and it turned out to be the only one that none of us hated."

Four albums, STYX I, STYX II, THE SERPENT IS RISING and MAN OF MIRACLES, were recorded and released at yearly intervals. Sales were minimal, but the band kept itself alive by gigging continuously. The crucial element for recognition, airplay, remained missing until WLS in Chicago began getting an un-



usual number of requests for a tune from **STYX II**, "LADY". When the song was played the station's switchboard lit up with requests to hear it again. "LADY" went on to be STYX' first national hit single and pushed the album up to gold status.

A label switch brought STYX to A&M Records where the band and the company put themselves in touch with the strong core of fans STYX had won for themselves. John Curulewski dropped out days before the first tour in support of **EQUINOX** was to begin. A frantic search for a replacement yielded Tommy Shaw, hailing from Alabama with a mane of golden hair and a deft melodic touch on the guitar that was to provide the perfect counterpoint to J.Y.'s explosive rock and roll.

1976 saw the release of **CRYSTAL BALL**; the album on which Tommy Shaw made his recording debut. His writing and singing were to become as impor-



tant to the band as his guitar playing proved to be on that first tour. A 200-date tour supported the album and honed the band to razor sharpness for its next recording. **THE GRAND ILLUSION.** STYX' seventh album, released 7/7/77, was a landmark and on it the band began to realize its full potential. Self-produced, the album is a carousel of kaleidoscopic images and from it came the Top Ten Single "COME SAIL AWAY". **THE GRAND ILLUSION** stayed on the charts almost two years and sold over 3 million copies. Canada proved to be the first market where STYX stepped up to the plateau of major concert headliners. **EQUINOX** had gone platinum there first and the band headlined its first major auditorium at the Forum in Montreal, a night in 1977 that was pure magic!

PIECES OF EIGHT followed the next year. The STYX "sound" had blossomed and matured, and the commercial success of the album further entrenched that sound into the minds of rock audiences.



The enormous hit status of the singles "RENEGADE" and "BLUE COLLAR MAN" confirmed that STYX, indeed, were "Superstars".

1978 was also the year that STYX' first fully produced show, *The Main Event*, went on the road to sell-out, stadium-sized crowds. The lighting, which included seven platform spots, accompanied the music, creating a dramatic theatrical effect. John Panozzo's virtuoso drumming was displayed on a mobile platform which travelled to front stage for a spectacular solo. Dennis de Young at the grand piano appeared from beneath the stage on an elevator module. The group used wireless electric guitars, allowing them to move freely on stage and communicate their energy to the audience. The sound of the



well-orchestrated arrangements was crystal clear and the mix was of studio quality. The whole, spectacular performance was ecstatically received by the audience.

CORNERSTONE, STYX' ninth album, continues the STYX evolution. They've achieved an even broader and more dynamic sound. The album was recorded in a small Chicago studio where no other major album had been recorded. In addition, the group produced themselves, which is a tribute to A&M Records for allowing them the opportunity and freedom for personal growth.

STYX have always been a 'lyrical' group; the lyrics on each album have had quite a bit to say about our world. So too in **CORNERSTONE**. In addition, there is new excitement in the musical contrasts. "BABE", the first single off the album is a soft, but powerfully emotional song that reflects Dennis de



Young's deepest feelings of love for his wife. In contrast, "BORROWED TIME" is raging rock. The lyrics also touch right to the soul, the happenings of musicians of STYX' stature: the road, the emotions and the spirit of performing, as clearly illustrated from the first tumbling fanfares that open the album in "LIGHT", a strong commentary on a performer's feelings, to the last cut "LOVE IN THE MIDNIGHT" which creates one of the best musical pictures of a musician's adrenalin still flowing and in search of an outlet after a concert. Once more, there is a mood change in "BOAT ON THE RIVER", a mesmerizing, gypsy song born out of Tommy Shaw's trip to France and perfectly suited for Tommy's mandolin and for Dennis to perform once more on his original instrument, accordion!

STYX is a vision which continues to unfold. Like the mythical river after which they're named, they span two worlds: their musical moods mix the wrath of Hades with the melodic bliss of the Elysium Fields.





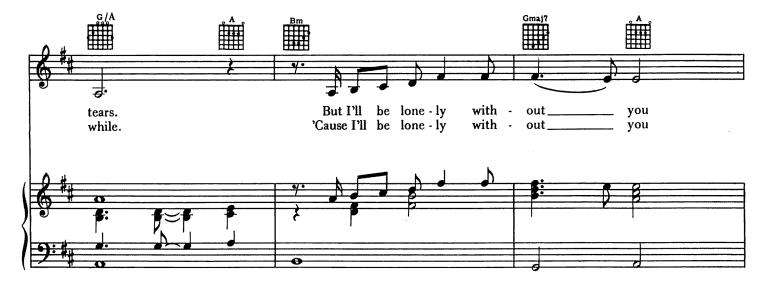


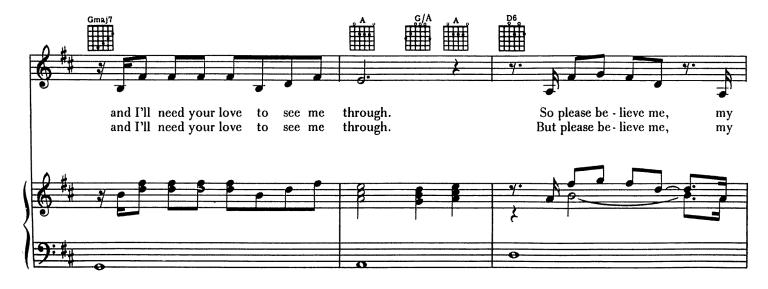
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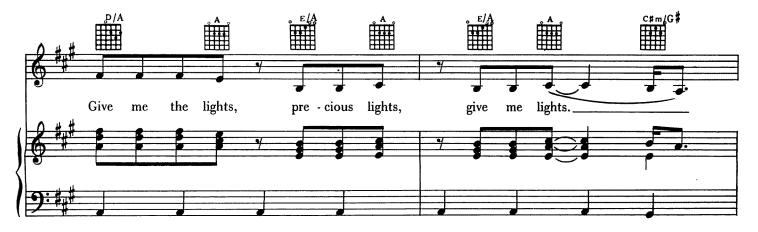


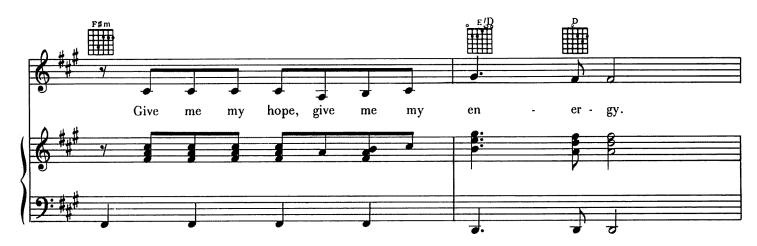


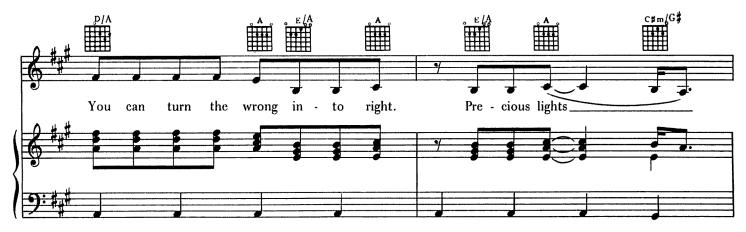
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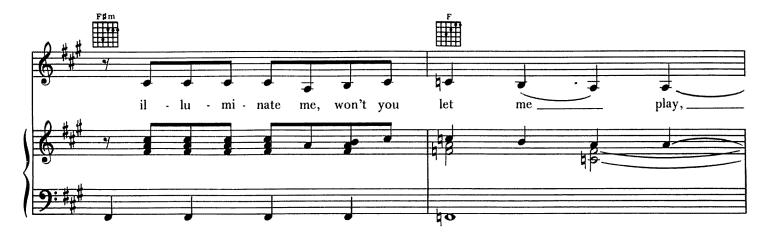




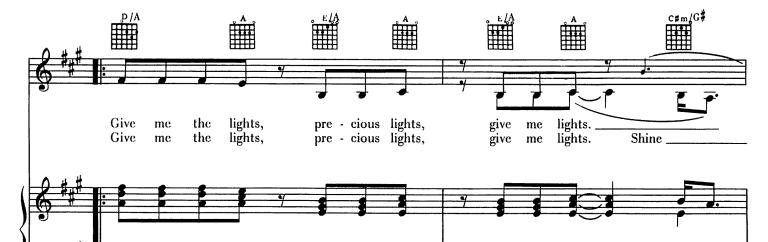


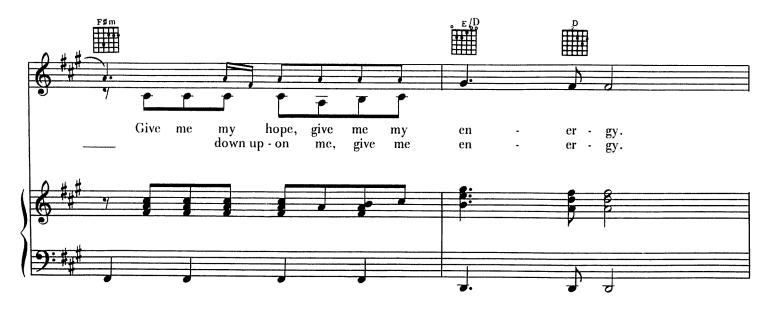


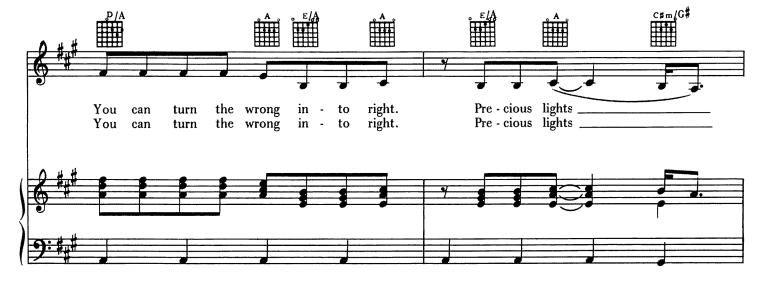


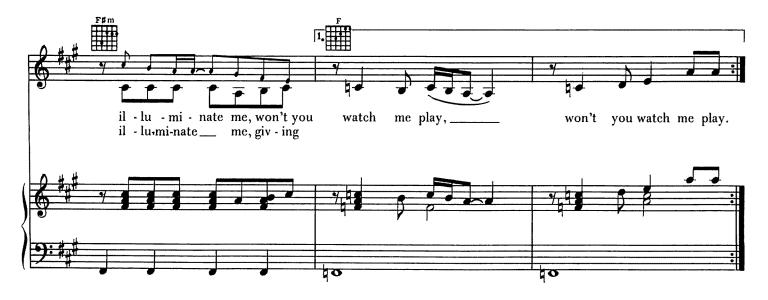


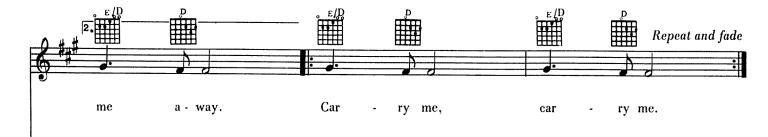








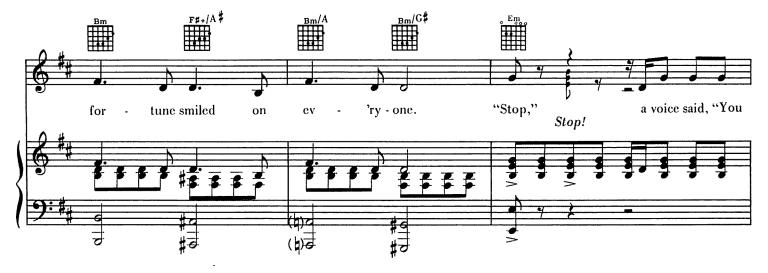


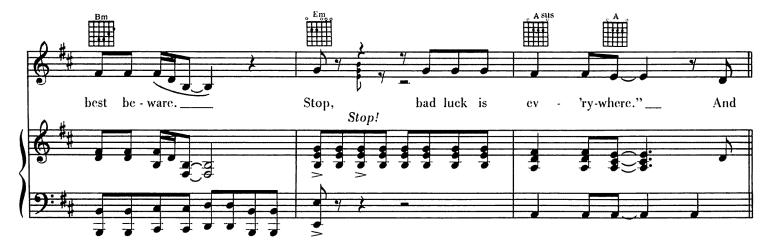




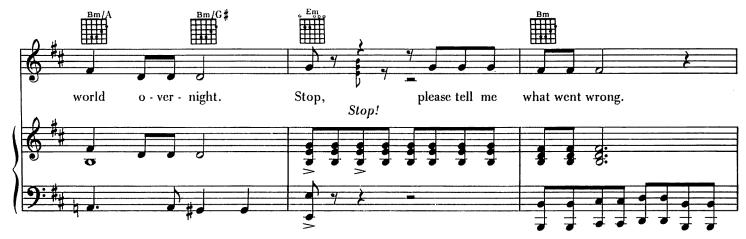
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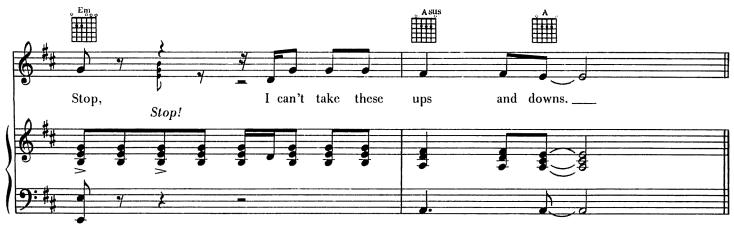


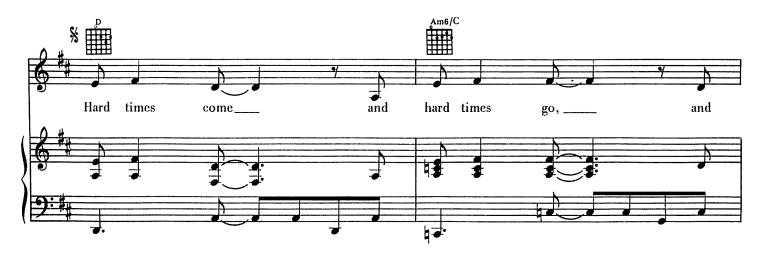




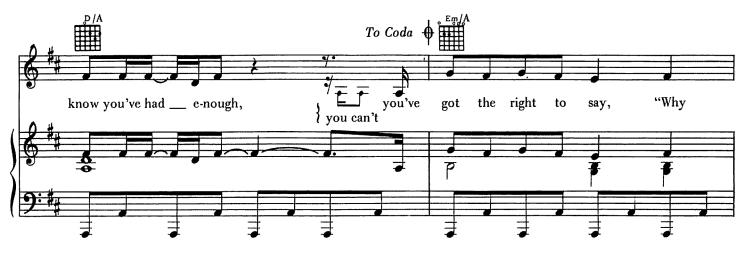


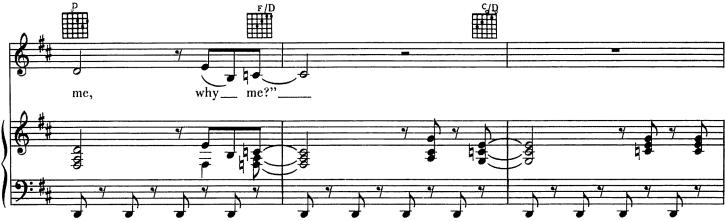


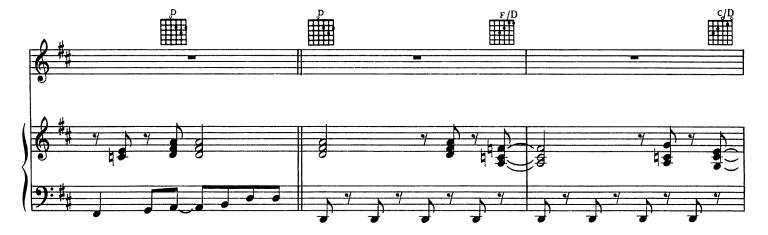


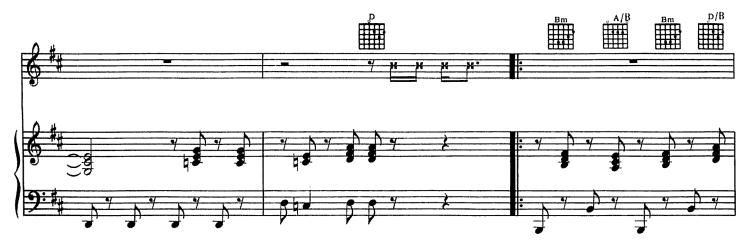
















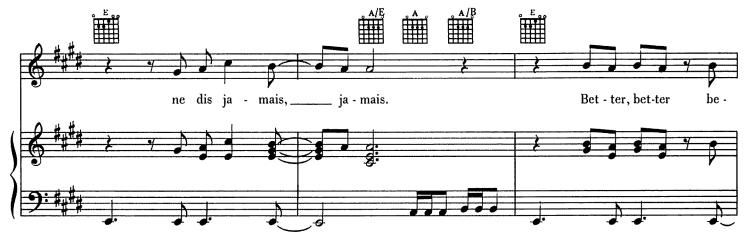


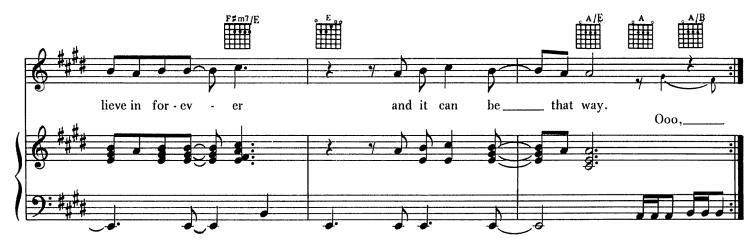
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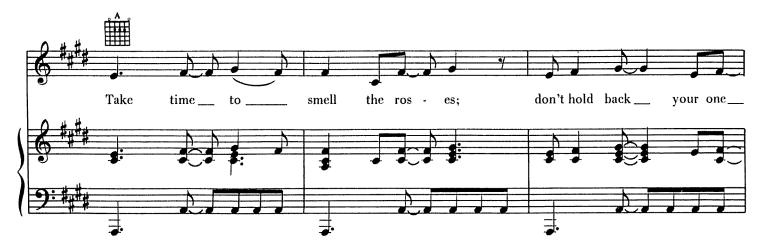






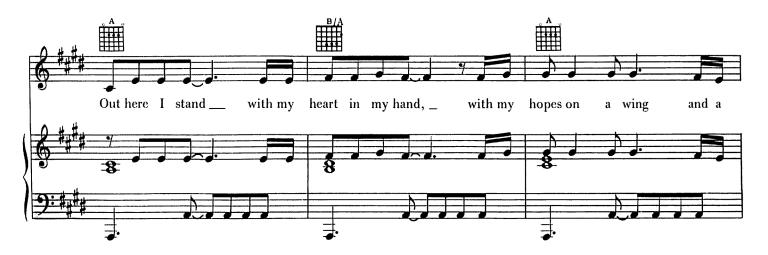






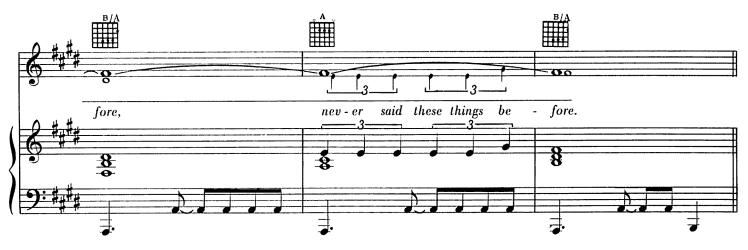


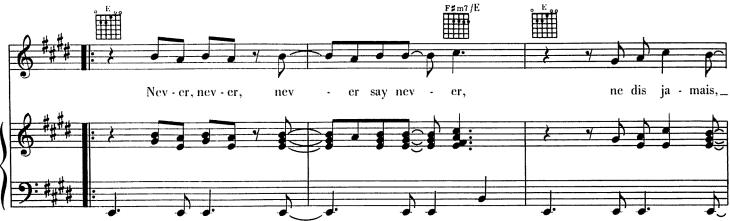








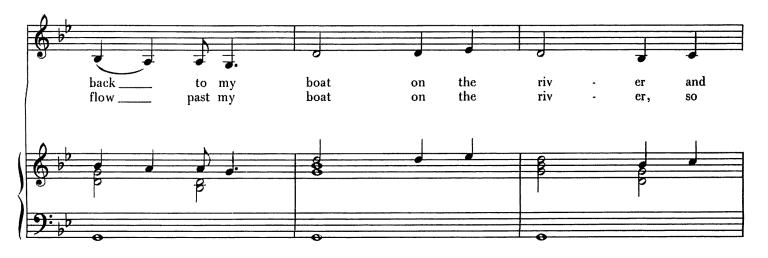


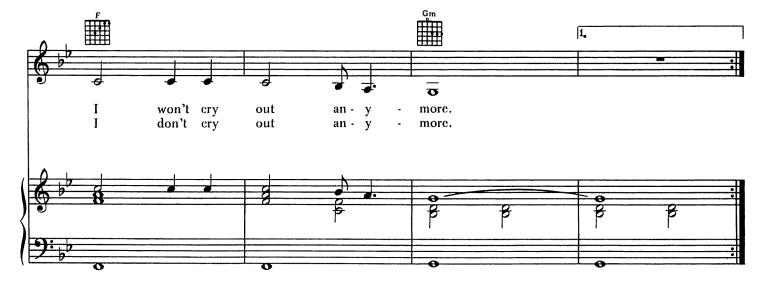


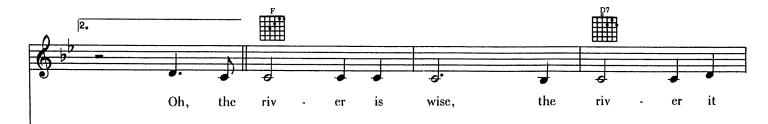




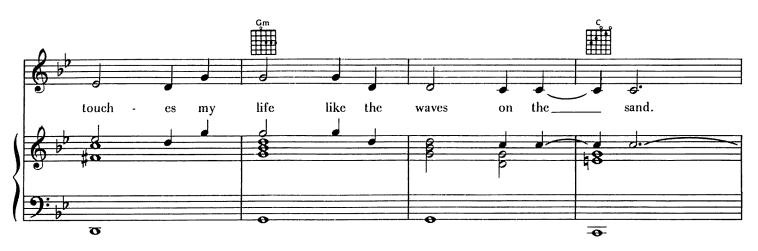


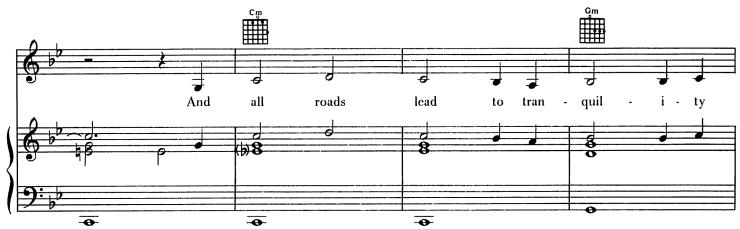


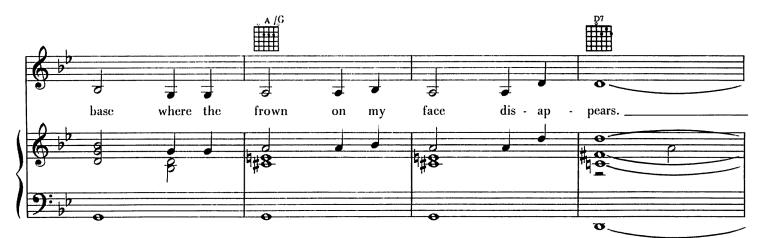


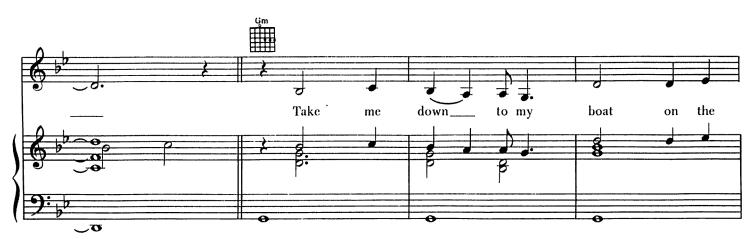


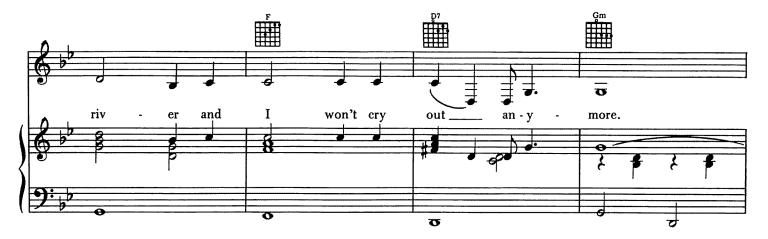


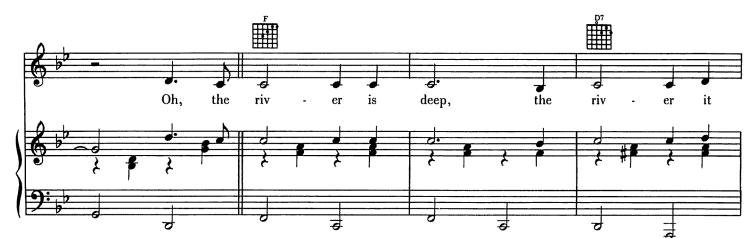


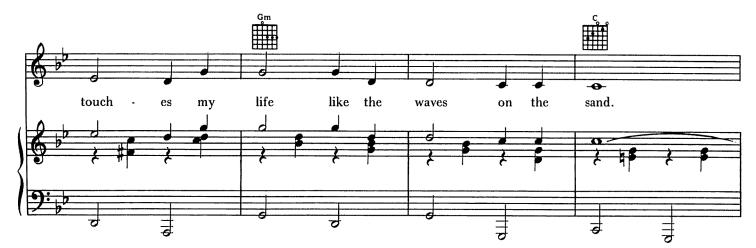


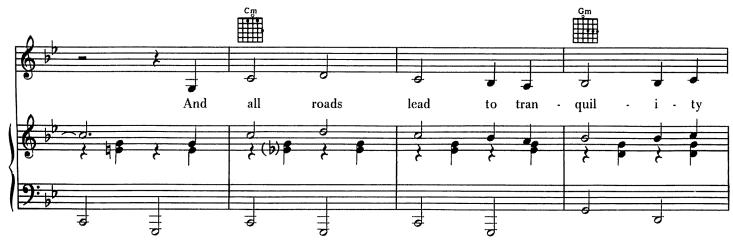


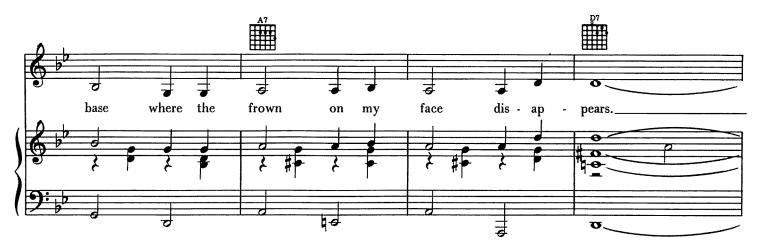


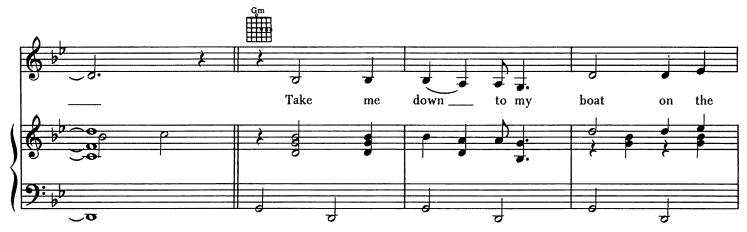


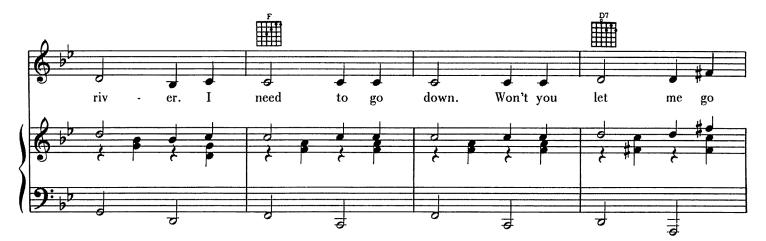


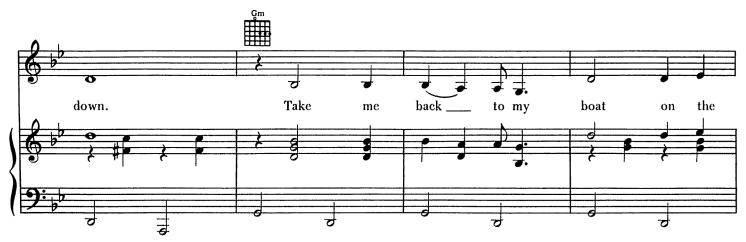


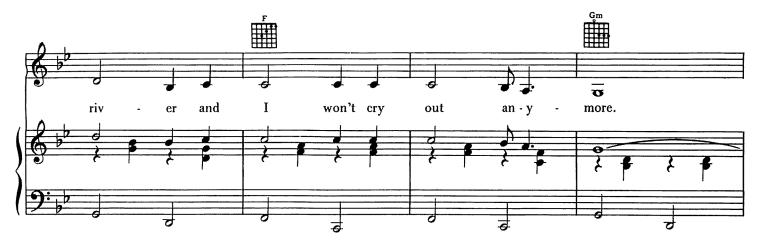


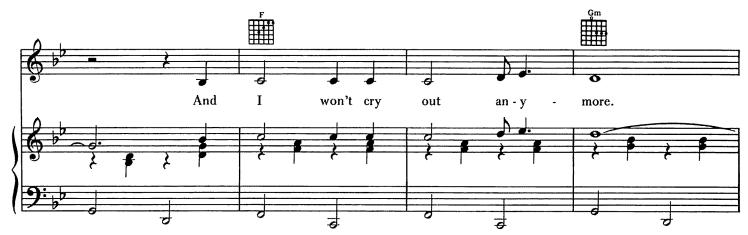




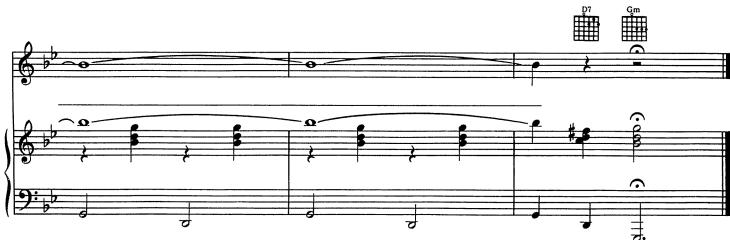








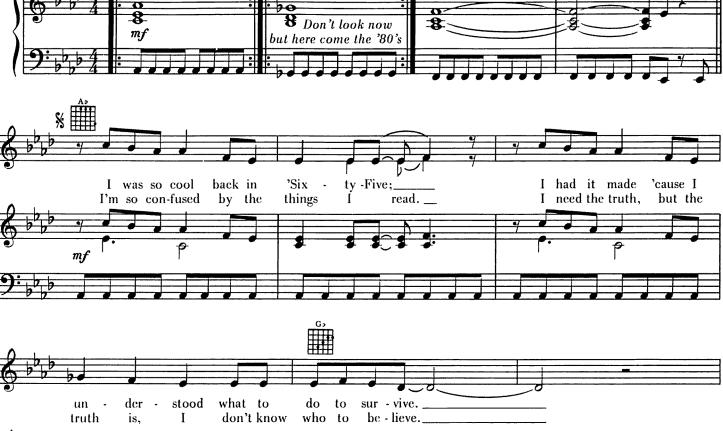




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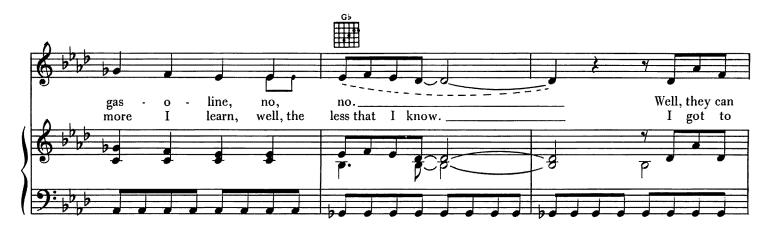
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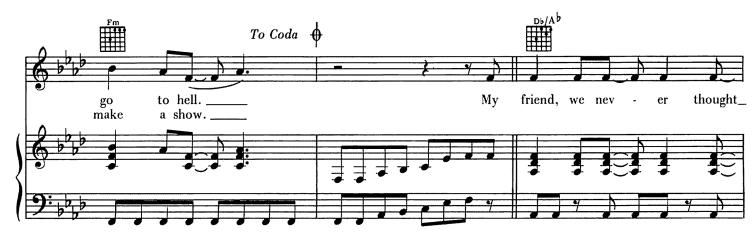
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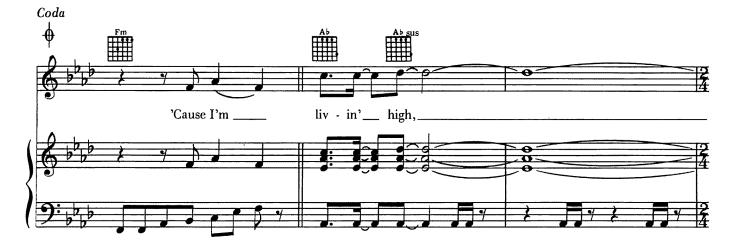


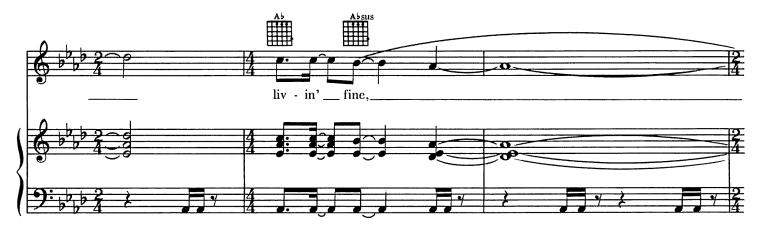


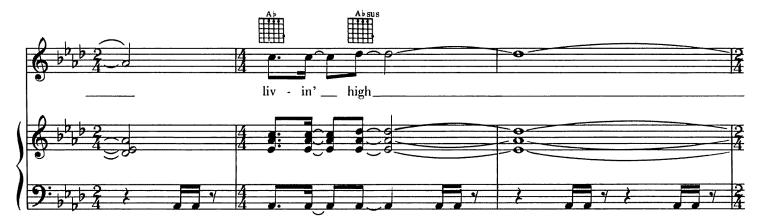


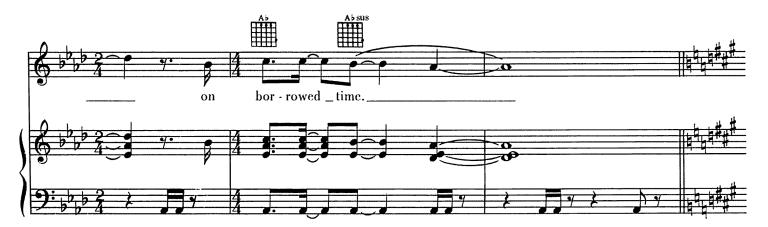




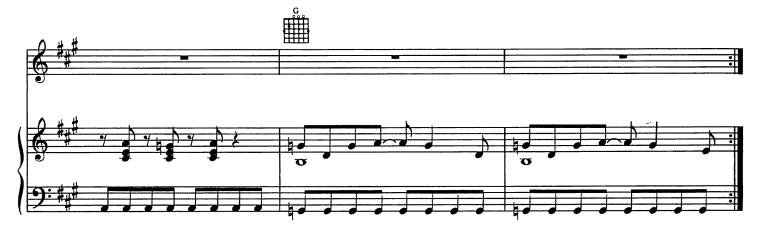


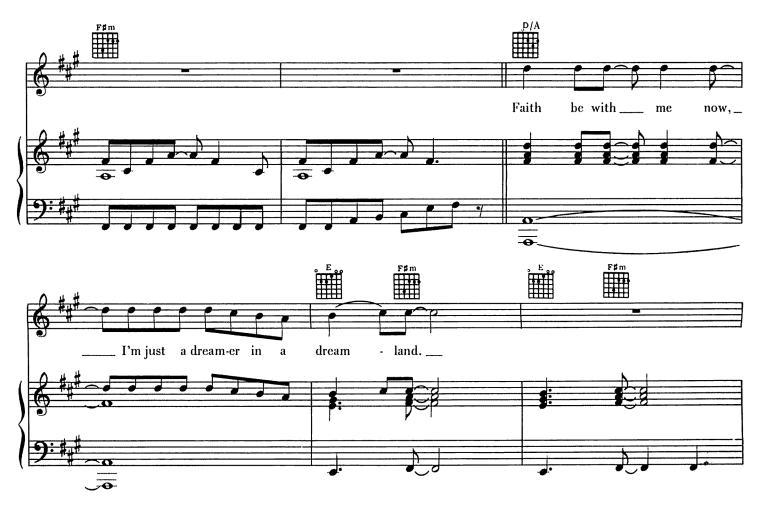




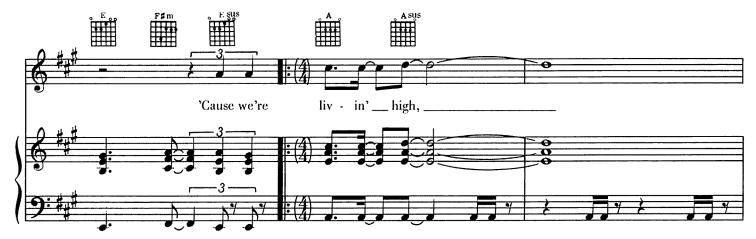


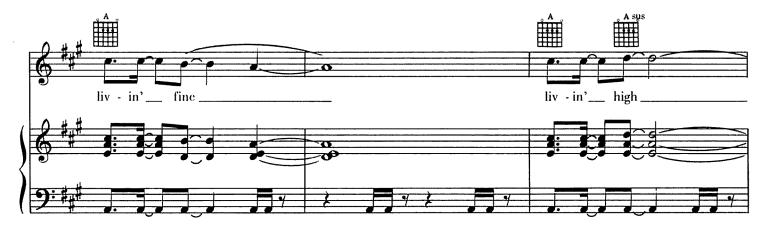






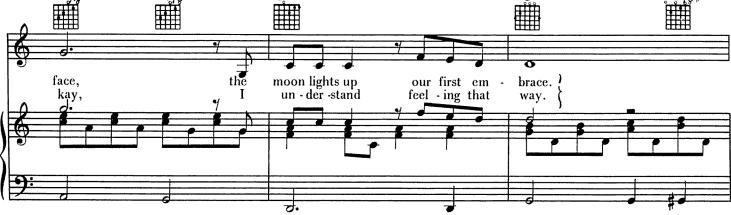




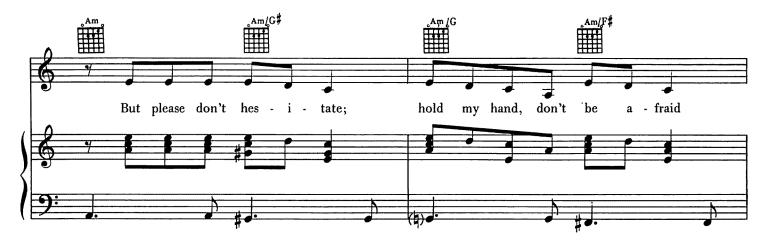


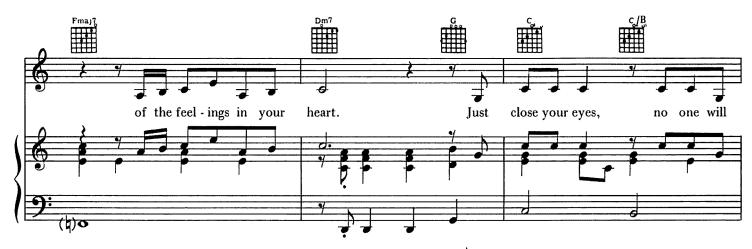


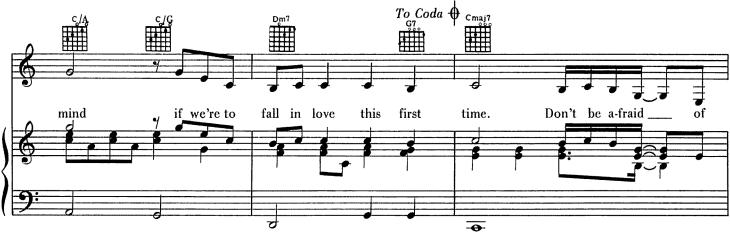




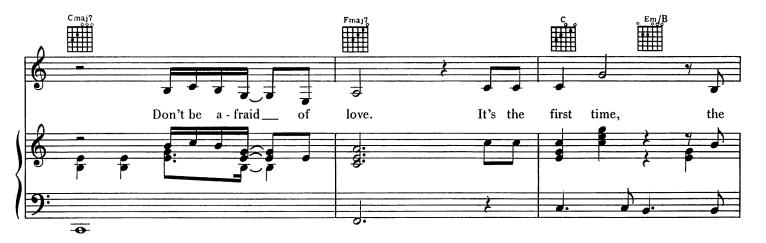
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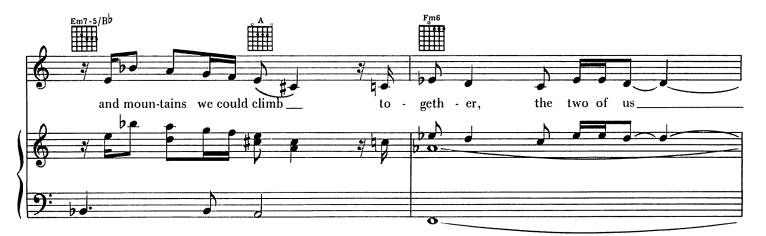


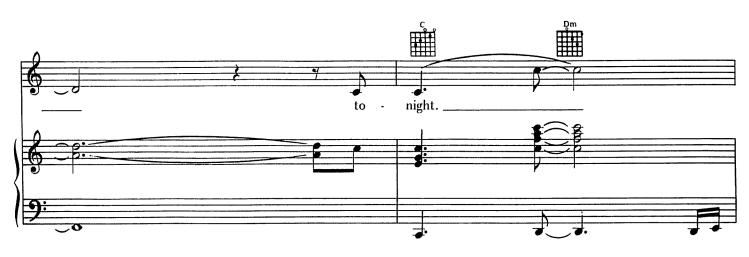


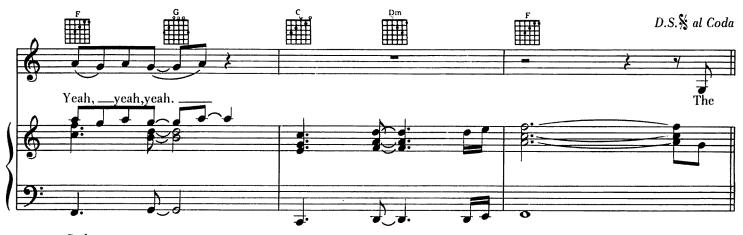


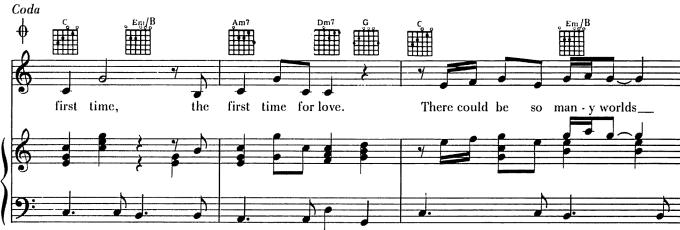


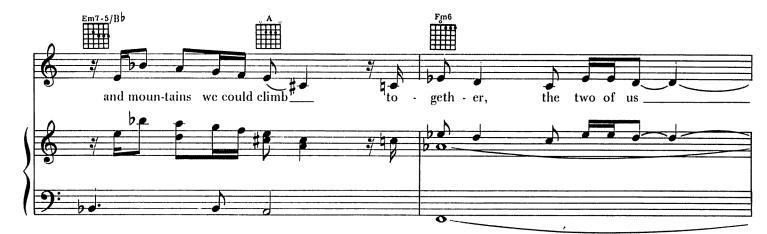




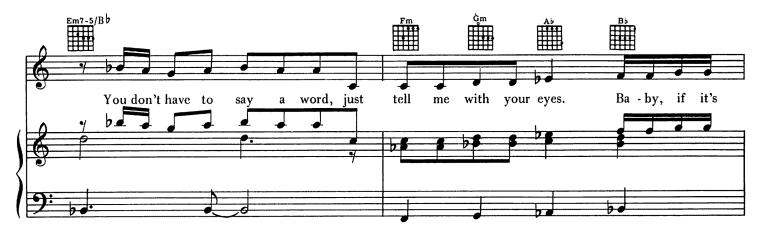




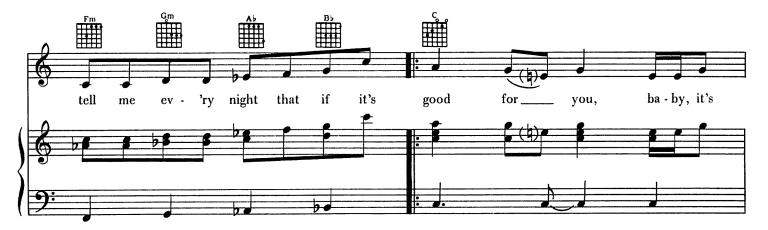


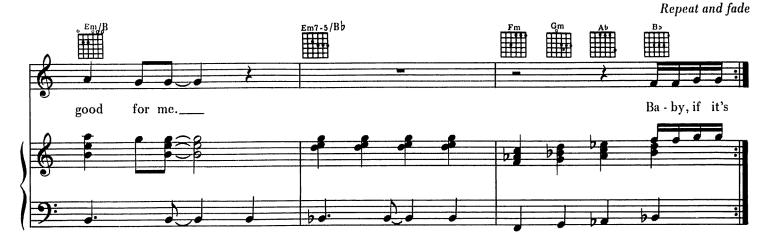








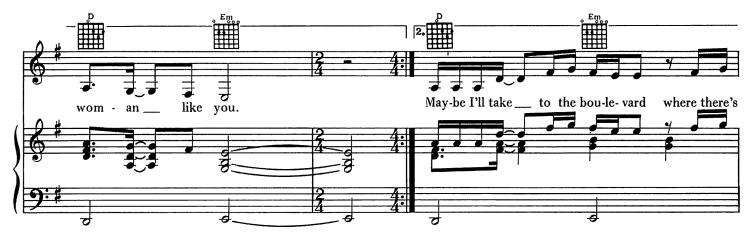




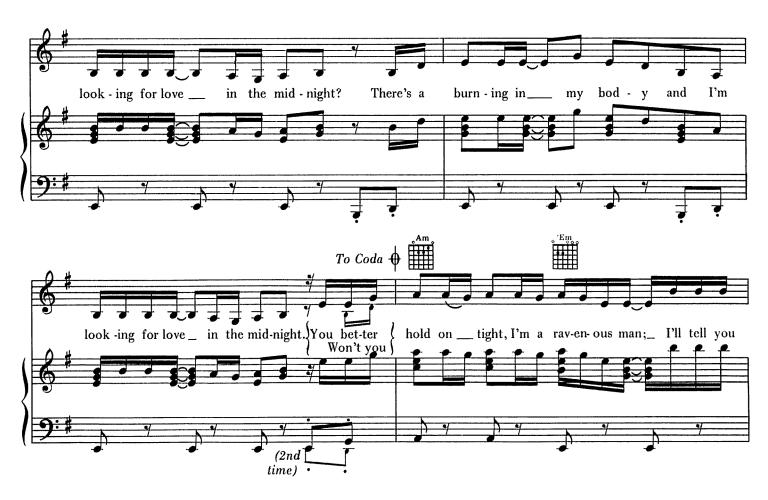
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