

Bridge Over Troubled Water

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Moderato, not too fast, like a spiritual

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, starting with a *mf* dynamic. The right hand features a series of chords and arpeggiated figures, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note bass line. The dynamics shift to *mp* and then *p* as the piece progresses.

The piano accompaniment for the first vocal line continues with a similar texture. It includes a guitar chord diagram for Eb and a double bar line with repeat dots. The piece concludes with a final chord marked with an asterisk (*).

Rubato

When you're wea - ry, - feel - in - small,
down and out, - When you're on the street,

The piano accompaniment for the second vocal line features a *p* dynamic. It includes guitar chord diagrams for Ab, Db, Ab, Eb, Ab, Eb, and Ab.

When tears are in your eyes, - I'll dry them - all;
When eve - ning falls so hard - I will com - fort - you.

The piano accompaniment for the final vocal line concludes with a *mp* dynamic. It includes guitar chord diagrams for Ab, Db, Ab, Eb, Ab, Eb, and Ab.

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E_b A_b E_b B_b C_m B_b

I'm on your side. Oh,
I'll take your part. Oh,

mp

B_b9 E_b E_b (D bass) In tempo E_b9 A_b F

when times get rough And friends just can't be found,
when dark-ness comes And pain is all a-round,

f

B_b E_b7 E_b9 A_b F#dim (A bass) E_b (B_b bass) C7sus C7

Like a Bridge O-ver Trou-bled Wa-ter

mp

A_b G7 C_m E_b7 E_b9 A_b F#dim (A bass) E_b (B_b bass) C7sus C7

I will lay me down. Like a Bridge O-ver Trou-bled Wa-ter

mf *mp*

Ab Bb9 (sus) Bb7 Eb Ab

I will lay me down.

The first system of the musical score features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and contains the lyrics "I will lay me down." Above the vocal line, guitar chords are indicated: Ab, Bb9 (sus), Bb7, Eb, and Ab. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. A fermata is placed over the final note of the piano accompaniment.

Eb Ab Eb Ab Rubato

When you're

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line has the lyrics "When you're" and is marked "Rubato". Above the vocal line, guitar chords are indicated: Eb, Ab, Eb, and Ab. The piano accompaniment features a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. Dynamics include *mf*, *mp*, and *p*. A fermata is placed over the final note of the piano accompaniment.

2 Eb (Bb bass) Cm Ab Cm (G bass) G Cm F7

Trou-bled Wa-ter I will lay me down.

The third system continues the musical score. The vocal line has the lyrics "Trou-bled Wa-ter I will lay me down." Above the vocal line, guitar chords are indicated: 2 Eb (Bb bass), Cm, Ab, Cm (G bass), G, Cm, and F7. The piano accompaniment features a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. A fermata is placed over the final note of the piano accompaniment.

Eb Ab Cm Ab Abm Eb

The fourth system continues the musical score. Above the vocal line, guitar chords are indicated: Eb, Ab, Cm, Ab, Abm, and Eb. The piano accompaniment features a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. A fermata is placed over the final note of the piano accompaniment.

Ab Eb Ab Eb Ab

Sail on

sil-ver girl, Sail on by. Your time has

come to shine.— All your dreams are on their way.

See how they shine.— Oh,— if you need a friend

mp

In tempo

Eb7 Eb9 Ab F Bb Eb7 Eb9 Ab F#dim (A bass)
 I'm sail - ing right be - hind, — Like a Bridge O - ver
 Trou-bled Wa-ter I will ease your mind. — Like a Bridge O - ver
 Trou - bled Wa-ter I will ease your mind. —
 Eb (Bb bass) Cm Ab G7 Cm F9 Fmaj9
 Trou - bled Wa-ter I will ease your mind. —
 Eb (Bb bass) Ab Abm Eb
rall. *fff*