

KILLING ME SOFTLY WITH HIS SONG

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Moderately

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays chords in a 4/4 time signature, starting with a half note chord (F major) and a quarter note chord (Dm7). The left hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, starting with a half note chord (F major) and a quarter note chord (Dm7). The dynamic marking is *mp*.

The vocal entry consists of two staves. The right hand plays chords in a 4/4 time signature, starting with a half note chord (Dm7) and a quarter note chord (G7). The left hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, starting with a half note chord (Dm7) and a quarter note chord (G7). The dynamic marking is *mf*. The lyrics are:

1. I heard — he sang — a good — song,
2. I felt — all flushed — with fe — ver,
3. He sang — as if — he knew — me,

The continuation of the vocal entry consists of two staves. The right hand plays chords in a 4/4 time signature, starting with a half note chord (C) and a quarter note chord (F), followed by a half note chord (Dm7). The left hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, starting with a half note chord (C) and a quarter note chord (F), followed by a half note chord (Dm7). The dynamic marking is *mf*. The lyrics are:

I heard he had — a style. And so — I came —
em - bar - rased by — the crowd, I felt — he found —
in all my dark — des - pair. And then — he looked —

G7 Am 3-5

to see him to lis - ten for a while.
 my let - ters and read each one out loud.
 right through me as if I was n't there.

5 4 5

Dm G7

And there he was this young boy,
 I prayed that he would fin - ish,
 But he was there, this stran - ger,

3 5

C E

a stran - er to my eyes.
 but he just kept right on.
 sing - ing clear and strong.

cresc.

Am7 Dm7

Strum - ming my pain with his fin - gers,

5 2 3 1 2 3

G C Am

1
sing - ing my life_ with his words. _ Kill - ing me soft - ly with his_

D/F# G

1 2 3 4 5
song, kill - ing me soft - ly with his_

F C

1 2 3 4 5
song. Tell - ing my whole_ life with his_

F B>

1 2 3 4 5
words, kill - ing me soft - ly with his_

1. 2. 3. A A

1. 2. 3. A A
song. rit. e dim. mp