

MARGO: "Oh, Billy! Yes. Yes. You were always so tentative about it. What made you decide that?" [MUSIC]

w/ music

LX 56

S1
↑ Billy

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Freely BILLY:

1

I'm rea - dy for my life to be - gin I'm

Gtr. solo

mf
D

*OPTIONAL: tacet m.1 chord

G D

6

rea - dy for it all to start. My

D G A

10

heart's a - bout to bust, don't lead the way I must

D Bm D Bm

A Tempo $\text{♩} = 120$

LX 58

OUT

ht Star

fol - low my own bright star.

D G A D

14

MARGO: "Edna, we still have that special delivery stamp I've been saving?"

EDNA: "We sure do."

BILLY: "I'm not mailing them, Margo. I'm going to hand-carry them to Asheville, and sleep like a dog on their doorstep until I get published." *[GO ON]*

LX 60

↑ Billy

Vamp

FLORENCE: "Good luck, Billy."

Banjo

Solo Gtr simile

D Bm *f*

18

BILLY:

Ma - ny a long cold night. I

+ claw hammer rhythm

mf D G A7 D

22

hudd - led down in the dark. I

26

D G A

STB SP Q 29
2↑Mango

STB SP Q 31
2 OUT

made a vow if I ev - er made it out I'd

30

D Bm D Bm

LX 62

fol low my own bright star. Bright

34

D G A7 D

star Keep shin - ing for me Shine

+Tutti Gtrs

f > >

D A7 D G

38

on ————— and see me through Bright

D Bm D Bm

42

star keep shin - ing for me And one

D A7 D G

46

day ————— I'll shine for you

Solo Mando *f*

D A D G A

50

2nd Margo

LX 64 after way

MARGO: "For what's it's worth, I'll [miss you]..."

☆
OO After Margo wave

54

RQ32

S2 OUT

S2 OUT

S2 OUT

OO after Margo wave

OO after Margo wave

OO after Margo wave

+Stgs

58

S2 OUT

S2 OUT

S2 OUT

S2 OUT

OO after Margo wave

OO after Margo wave

OO after Margo wave

OO after Margo wave

+Drs

62

LX 66

LX 66

LX 66

LX 66

LY:

You

[- TIME -]

nev - er know what life will bring.

WOMEN:

Ooh

MEN:

Ooh

TACET
Gtrs., Bs., Dr., Fiddle

mf
D G A D Mando fill

66

On - ly what you bring to life.

Ooh

Ooh

D G A Mando fill

70

Hopes and dreams and fine i - mag - i - nings They

Ooh

Ooh

D Bm D Bm

74

LX 68

get up

hap - pen in their own good time.

Hap - pen in their own good time.

Hap - pen in their own good time.

+Stgs, Mando

f

D G A7 D

78

Musical score for Piano-Conductor, measures 82-85. The score is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand. The vocal line has a melodic phrase that ends with a fermata. The piano part has a dynamic marking of *mf* at the beginning of measure 82.

82

Musical score for Piano-Conductor, measures 86-89. The score is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a melodic phrase that ends with a fermata. The piano part consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand. The piano part has a dynamic marking of *mf* at the beginning of measure 86.

BILLY:
I've seen a weak man fight _____

WOMEN:
Ooh _____ Ah _____

MEN:
Ooh _____ Ah _____

PLAY

86

90

I've seen a strong man cry

Ooh Cry

Ooh Cry

This system contains measures 90 through 93. It features a vocal line with lyrics, two vocal harmony parts with 'Ooh' and 'Cry' lyrics, and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). Measure 90 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to two sharps. The piano part has a bass clef and a key signature change to two sharps. The system ends with a double bar line.

94

I have learned the bright est day can turn

bright est day can turn

bright est day can turn

This system contains measures 94 through 97. It features a vocal line with lyrics, two vocal harmony parts with 'bright est day can turn' lyrics, and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). Measure 94 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to two sharps. The piano part has a bass clef and a key signature change to two sharps. The system ends with a double bar line.

DSL

in - to the dark - est night. Bright

in - to the dark - est night. Bright

in - to the dark - est night. Bright

98

star Keep shin - ing for me Shine

star

star

Kbd.

+Fiddle

102

on and see me through Bright

Shine on Shine on

Shine on Shine on

106

star keep shin - ing for me And one

Ooh And one

Ooh And one

110

day I'll shine for

day

day

day

114

you.

Ah

Ah

Stgs.

+Kbd.

f

116

Musical score for Piano-Conductor, measures 116-123. The score is written for Soprano, Alto, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The Soprano and Alto parts feature a melodic line with a long slur over measures 116-123, with the vocalization "Ah" written below the staff. The Piano part consists of chords and single notes, with a measure number of 120 indicated at the start of the system.

116

117

118

119

120

Ah

Ah

Musical score for Piano-Conductor, measures 124-127. The score is written for Soprano, Alto, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The Soprano part has a measure rest for measures 124-125, followed by a note in measure 126. The Alto part has a long slur over measures 124-127. The Piano part consists of chords and single notes, with a measure number of 124 indicated at the start of the system. The word "There's" is written below the Soprano staff in measure 126. The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

124

125

126

127

There's

al - ways a song to sing. A

solo

Ooh Ah

Ooh

mp

Kbd., Gtr.

126 Bs.

mel - o - dy in the dark,

Ooh Ah

Ooh

Ooh

130

Lifts my spi - rits e - v'ry time I hear it.

Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____

134

com - forts my ach - ing heart.

Bright _____

Bright _____

138

Keep shin - ing

star bright day Bright

star bright day Bright

mf

142

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the musical score, measures 142 through 145. It features a vocal line with lyrics 'Keep shin - ing' and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The lyrics 'star bright day Bright' are repeated for two different vocal parts. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The measure number 142 is printed at the bottom left of the system.

for me And see me

lights bright way Bright

lights bright way Bright

146

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the musical score, measures 146 through 149. It continues the vocal and piano parts from the previous system. The lyrics 'for me And see me' are followed by 'lights bright way Bright' repeated for two parts. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. The measure number 146 is printed at the bottom left of the system.

through Keep shin - ing

star bright day I'm

star bright day I'm

+Gtr. Mando

150

Lx 76

for me I'm on my way. Bright

on I'm on my way. Bright

on I'm on my way. Bright

ff +Tutti

154

BILLY:

star Keep shin - ing for me Shine

MEN/WOMEN:

star bright day Bright lights bright way Shine

mf

158

BILLY:

on and see me through. Bright

WOMEN:

on Bright

MEN:

on Bright

162

LX 78

STB

SP Q 33
1 OUTSTB RQ 33
Streetlight OUT

STB SX 20

star keep shin - ing for me And one

MEN/WOMEN:
star bright day Car - ry me far a - way I'm

166

day I'll shine for you

gone, I'm on my way. Bright

Tutti

170

BILLY:

Bright star Keep shin - ing for me Shine

WOMEN:

star Bright star Keep shin - ing for me Shine

MEN:

star Bright star Keep shin - ing for me Shine

f

174

on _____ and see me through

on _____ and see me through Bright

on _____ and see me through Bright

178

RQ33

desks enter

First system of the musical score for 'Bright Star'. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'Bright star keep shin - ing for me And one' and 'star Bright star Keep shin - ing for me And one'. The piano part includes a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic marking. The system is numbered 182 at the bottom left.

Second system of the musical score for 'Bright Star'. It continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'day I'll shine for' and 'day I'll shine'. The piano part includes a 'Solo Fid.' marking. The system is numbered 186 at the bottom left.

you. _____

Ah _____

Ah _____

190

This system contains measures 190 through 193. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The first vocal staff has a whole note followed by three rests. The second and third vocal staves have a melodic line starting on a quarter rest, followed by eighth and quarter notes, and ending with a half note. The fourth vocal staff has a melodic line starting on a quarter rest, followed by eighth and quarter notes, and ending with a half note. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass staff with chords and single notes.

Ah _____

Ah _____

194

This system contains measures 194 through 197. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The first and second vocal staves have a melodic line starting on a quarter rest, followed by eighth and quarter notes, and ending with a half note. The third and fourth vocal staves have a melodic line starting on a quarter rest, followed by eighth and quarter notes, and ending with a half note. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass staff with chords and single notes. A yellow sticky note with the handwritten text "LX 80" is placed on the right side of the system.

rit.

Handwritten notes: *Edelweiss*, *RO 53 - Streetly v. 00T*

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Handwritten: *rit.*

Handwritten: *mp*

TACET
Gtrs., Bs., Dr.

Handwritten: *mp*

E

C#m

E

E

198

SCENE 4

(1945. ASHEVILLE. LOBBY OF THE
ASHEVILLE SOUTHERN JOURNAL.)

(A busy office. The front desk is
manned by DARYL AMES. LUCY GRANT, an
editor, mans her station. The desk
bears a sign: "Asheville Southern
Journal". BILLY enters, holding his
manuscript.)

BILLY CANE

(to DARYL)

Hello, is this the Asheville Southern Journal?

(DARYL leans over and cranes to read
the lettering on the front of his
desk.)

DARYL

Good question, because this sign is often wrong.

LUCY

Don't mind Daryl.

BILLY CANE

If someone wanted to submit some stories to your
magazine....

LUCY

Let me hand them to the nice man.

(LUCY takes BILLY's manuscript, gives
it to DARYL who starts to put it in the
"round file.")

DARYL

Then wave them goodbye.

BILLY CANE

Why wave them goodbye?

(BILLY retrieves the manuscript from
the trash can.)

DARYL

Because our editor, Miss Alice Murphy, is one of the keenest editors in America. The New Yorker magazine sent people down here to try and hire her away.

LUCY

But she wants to stay right here in North Carolina.

BILLY CANE

That's good!

DARYL

Not for young tadpoles like you.

LUCY

She once made Ernest Hemingway cry. He lay right there, banged his fists on the floor and sobbed.

BILLY CANE

Why?

LUCY

He used a comma to join two independent clauses.

BILLY CANE

Look, I came all the way from Hayes Creek and I gotta get back, so...

DARYL

Well, aren't we busy.

BILLY CANE

Can I pick up my stories tomorrow?

(DARYL and LUCY both laugh.)

DARYL

Look, you think we're going to read them by tomorrow, if at all?

LUCY

I'm sorry but we don't even read young writers anymore without a whopping letter of recommendation.

DARYL

Hmm. Now where did that door go? Oh! There it is...

STB LX 83

Q.F.!

LX 83
DD Alice enters
(He walks BILLY to the door. Miss ALICE MURPHY enters, (38). Trim, prim. All business.)

BILLY CANE

Thomas Wolfe read them.

ALICE

Thomas Wolfe?

BILLY CANE

He read them and wrote me back saying I had talent. I sent them to him last year.

ALICE

You can leave your stories here. I'm a great admirer of Thomas Wolfe.

BILLY CANE

Well, thank you. I will tell him you said that. You must be Miss Murphy.

ALICE

I don't have to be, but I am.

BILLY CANE

(to the room)

I'll wait to hear from you. I'm William Cane.

DARYL

I'm writing your name down...

(writes in the air)

William.

(DARYL starts to write. BILLY exits. As soon as he does, DARYL tosses the paper in the trash.)

ALICE

Mr. Ames, hand me those stories. I'm going to read them.

DARYL

Why?

ALICE

Because he's a liar, and liars sometimes make very good story tellers. Now, what about the new submissions?

DARYL

We have several. This one from...

(reads)

Carl Sandburg.

ALICE

Well, we should certainly look at that.

DARYL

Tennessee Williams.

ALICE

A very promising new writer. Yes.

DARYL

And one from Joseph Algonquin.

ALICE

Another one? He's always terrible.

DARYL

Miss Murphy, it's time you knew. Joseph Algonquin is my pen name.

ALICE

Oh. Well, maybe you've improved. I'll take a look at it.

DARYL

Don't bother.

(He dumps it.)

LUCY

Miss Murphy, there's a dance at the Shiny Penny tonight.

ALICE

And?

DARYL

Those officers returning home keep asking about you.

LUCY

When a female walks in that place there isn't a head that doesn't swivel.

STB LX 84-93

SP Q 35
STB 1 ↑ Alice

ALICE

No. Tonight I want to cozy up to a few unnecessary adverbs and then cut their heads off.

DARYL

I've heard stories about you, Miss Murphy, you weren't always such a wallflower.

ALICE

No, not always.

LX 84

w/ music

#4 WAY BACK IN THE DAY

DARYL

The whole world is rejoicing about the war being over.

LUCY

And you should get out and celebrate, too. Come with us; just this once.