

Bridge Over Troubled Water

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Moderato

The first system of musical notation is for the piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a common time signature. The melody in the treble clef begins with a series of eighth notes, while the bass clef provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed in the bass clef. The lyrics "When you're" are written in the treble clef. Below the staff, the chord progression is indicated as F, Cdim, C, Dm7, and G7.

mf

When you're

F Cdim C Dm7 G7

Rubato

The second system of musical notation continues the piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked as *Rubato*. The melody in the treble clef is more expressive, with some notes held longer. The lyrics "wea - ry, down and out, feel - in' small, when you're on the street, When tears are in your eyes, When eve-ning falls so hard" are written in the treble clef. The chord progression below the staff is C, F, C, F, Bb, F, C.

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C F C F Bb F C

The third system of musical notation continues the piano accompaniment. The melody in the treble clef features a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics "I'll dry them all; I will com - fort you. I'm on your side. I'll take your part." are written in the treble clef. The chord progression below the staff is F, C, F, C, F, C, G.

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F C F C F C G

in tempo

The fourth system of musical notation continues the piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked as *in tempo*. The melody in the treble clef features a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics "Oh, when times get rough And friends just can't be found, Oh, when dark - ness comes And pain is all a - round," are written in the treble clef. The chord progression below the staff is F, C, Cmaj7, C7, F, D7.

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

F C Cmaj7 C7 F D7

Like a bridge o - ver trou-ble-d wa-ter, I will lay me

G C7 F Cdim C A7 F E7

down. Like a bridge o - ver trou-ble-d wa-ter, I will lay me

Am C7 F Cdim C A7 F G7

down. When you're

C F C F

tempo rubato

trou-ble-d wa-ter. I will lay me down. Sail on

C Am F Am E7 Am F

sil-ver girl, sail on by. Your time has come to shine.

C F C F Bb F C

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All your dreams are on their way. See how they

F C F C F C G Am

shine. Oh, if you need a friend, I'm sail - ing

G G7 C C7

right be - hind, — Like a bridge o - ver troub - led wa - ter,

F G C7 F Cdim C Am

I will ease your mind, Like a bridge o - ver troub - led wa - ter,

F Am E7 Am C7 F D C Am

I will ease your mind.

F E7 Am D7 G C F C