

1. Merely Words

Tina and Ray

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A café, with a few scattered tables, one downstage center. TINA enters, wearing a simple dress. She rubs her hand across the back rail of one of the chairs, the one facing the door, and smiles. She crosses to the other side of the table and pulls out the other chair and sits. The door opens again; RAY enters. He sees TINA, stops abruptly, unsure of how to proceed. TINA doesn't look up, but senses him there.

TINA
I wasn't sure you'd come. But I waited anyway.

RAY
It was just a matter of time. But I'm glad you waited.

Pause.

Tina . . .

TINA
What, Ray, you're sorry? I'm tired of you saying
"I'm sorry."

Agitato (M.M. ♩ = c. 176)

[Tina]

The musical score is set in 3/4 time and consists of several staves:

- Vocal Line (Tina):** Starts with a rest, then enters with the lyrics "You sat in that" on a note marked *mf*.
- Guitar:** Features an electric guitar part starting with a rest, then playing a rhythmic pattern marked *pp* and *mp*, with the instruction *sempre stacc.*
- Cello:** Provides a low-frequency accompaniment with notes corresponding to the vocal line.
- Keyboards:** Includes a synth pad part marked *pp* and a bass line marked *p*. The keyboard part includes instructions like *Vamp under dialogue*, *[stgs]*, and *[colla voce]*.

10

chair on the day that we met Said that I'd be the luck - i - est girl if I'd let you just

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

17

love me the way that you knew that you could, Love me the way you

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

23

could... I said to my - self what the

23

Guit

23

V.C.

pizz

23

KeyBd.

29

hell is he think - ing What kind of nar - co - ti - cal drug is he drink - ing 'Cause

29

Guit

29

V.C.

29

KeyBd.

35

his words aren't real but he says them sin - cere - ly I thought you were sweet, I was not think - ing

Guit

V.C.

arco

KeyBd.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 35 through 41. The vocal line (top) has lyrics: "his words aren't real but he says them sin - cere - ly I thought you were sweet, I was not think - ing". The guitar part (Guit) is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The V.C. part (Violoncello) is in bass clef. The keyboard part (KeyBd.) consists of two staves, with the right hand in treble clef and the left hand in bass clef. The word "arco" is written above the V.C. staff. A fermata is placed over the final measure of this system.

42

clear - ly I guess they were mere - ly words emp - ty

Guit

V.C.

pizz

KeyBd.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 42 through 48. The vocal line (top) has lyrics: "clear - ly I guess they were mere - ly words emp - ty". The guitar part (Guit) is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The V.C. part (Violoncello) is in bass clef. The keyboard part (KeyBd.) consists of two staves, with the right hand in treble clef and the left hand in bass clef. The word "pizz" is written below the V.C. staff. A fermata is placed over the final measure of this system.

50

words. You charmed me with sto - ries of all that you'd

50 *sim*

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

56 dreamed Told me up un - til then what you thought was love seemed just a game, just a

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

62

farce, not at all what you want - ed Not what you want - ed at all.

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

68

I gave you my heart And I gave you my

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

75

soul. _____ I gave you _____ my bo - dy _____ and it made me _____

Guit *sim*

V.C.

KeyBd. *sim*

82

_____ feel whole. And I gave it all wil - ling - ly, joy - ous - ly too, So I

Guit

V.C. *legato*

KeyBd.

89

must have been blind-ed by a mind that was reel ing so I ne-ver saw how caut ious-ly cho-sen each

89

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

89

89

96

feel ing was, You said that you'd al-ways be there and a - ware of things, Said that you'd al-ways be

96

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

96

96

103

there and take care of things But when push came to shove you could have pro - tect - ed me. —

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

110 [Ray] [Tina] *calmly, firmly*

mf You could have pro - tect - ed your - self. *mf* Why

Guit

V.C. *arco*

KeyBd. *mf*

118 [Ray]

both-er with words, all these games that you play? These words are the words that you want - ed to

Guit *sim*

V.C.

KeyBd. *sim*

125 [Tina]

hear. You lapped them all up, and now I'm in - sin - cere? *p* You fooled me, Ray. You can

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd. *p*

A defensive outburst

132

tell all your bro's you played me like on of those neigh-bor-hood ho's. *ff* What was I,

Guit *mp* *mf*

V.C. *ff*

KeyBd. *mp* *f*

139 [Ray]

Ray? Just a notch on your belt? I was so stu-pid, all those feel ings I felt. Those

Guit *mp* *mf*

V.C. *mp* *mf*

KeyBd. *mp* *mf*

[Ray]

8 *mf* feel - ings you felt you just want - ed to feel. It's not my fault you took my

Guit 146

V.C. 146 *sim*

KeyBd. 146 *mf*

152

[Tina]

8 words to be real. So *f* noth - ing was true, not a thing that you said, Laid your

Guit 152

V.C. 152

KeyBd. 152 *f*

158 [Ray]

words like a map go - ing straight to my bed. No, Ti-na, wait. That's

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

sim

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 158 to 163. It features four staves: a vocal line, guitar, violin/cello, and keyboard. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "words like a map go - ing straight to my bed. No, Ti-na, wait. That's". The guitar part is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature, featuring a capo on the 8th fret. The violin/cello part is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The keyboard part consists of two staves, with the right hand in treble clef and the left hand in bass clef, both with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The left hand part is marked with the instruction "sim".

164 [Tina]

not what I meant. My words are all twist-ed, my thoughts are all bent. The

Guit

V.C.

KeyBd.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 164 to 169. It features four staves: a vocal line, guitar, violin/cello, and keyboard. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "not what I meant. My words are all twist-ed, my thoughts are all bent. The". The guitar part is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps and a common time signature, featuring a capo on the 8th fret. The violin/cello part is in bass clef with a key signature of three sharps and a common time signature. The keyboard part consists of two staves, with the right hand in treble clef and the left hand in bass clef, both with a key signature of three sharps and a common time signature.

170

words you twist ed are the ones you ne-ver said. Your si - lence, you jerk, is the

Guit *ff*

V.C. *ff*

KeyBd. *f*

176

rea - son I'm dead, *ff* Your si - lence is the rea - son I'm dead!

Guit *ff*

V.C. *sim*

KeyBd. *ff*

183

Guit

V.C.

cue: Why didn't you tell me? **Slower**

V.C. solo *mp* con sord.

KeyBd.

(APPLAUSE) (under dialogue: next page) *mp*

192

V.C.

KeyBd.

200

V.C.

KeyBd.

208 *rit.*

V.C.

KeyBd.

209 *rit.*

V.C.

KeyBd.

remove mute

*This dialogue begins
at measure 188, p. 15*

TINA
Why didn't you tell me?

RAY
I didn't know.

TINA
There are tests, Ray. You should have known.
Should have cared about me, about us.

RAY
Tests. What kind of man gets a test? The second you
get a test you're not even a man anymore.

TINA
You have no idea what it means to be a man.

RAY
You're right, Tina. I have no idea.