

# I STARTED A JOKE

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Moderately slow, in 2

The musical score is written for guitar and piano. The guitar part includes chords G, Bm, C, and D, with fingerings indicated by 'x' and 'o'. The piano part is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The tempo is 'Moderately slow'. The lyrics are: 'I start-ed a joke which start-ed the whole world cry-ing, but I did-n't see that the joke was on'. The score is divided into four systems, each with a guitar staff and a piano staff. The piano part includes a melody line and a bass line. The lyrics are written below the piano staff.

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G Bm C D

me, oh, no.

G Bm C D

I start - ed to cry which start - ed the whole world  
I fi - nal - ly died which start - ed the whole world



G Bm C D

laugh - ing; } oh, if I'd on - ly  
liv - ing; }

G Bm C D

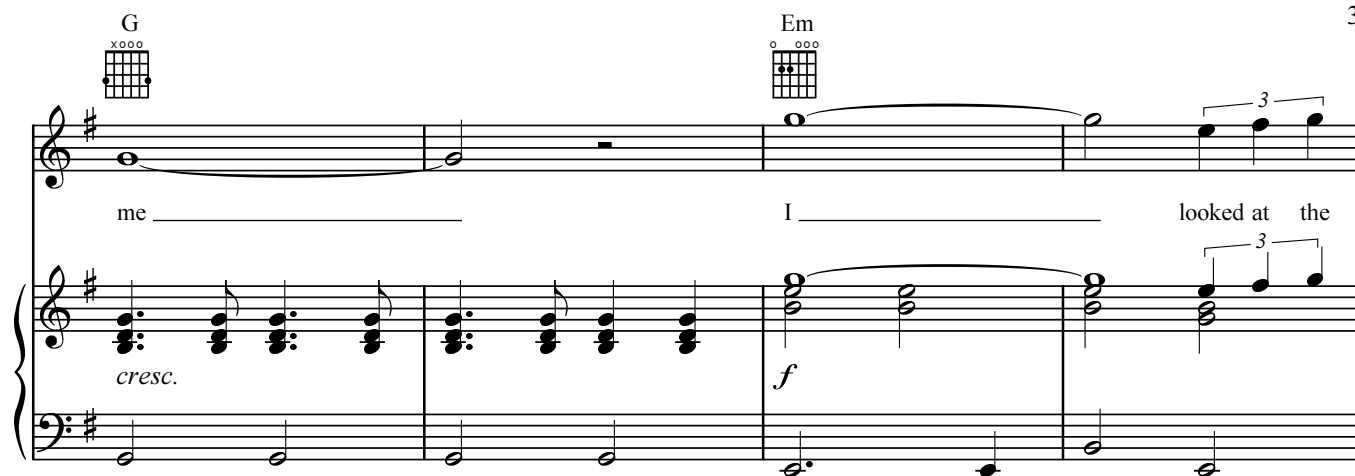
seen that the joke was on



*To Coda* ☺

G  Em 

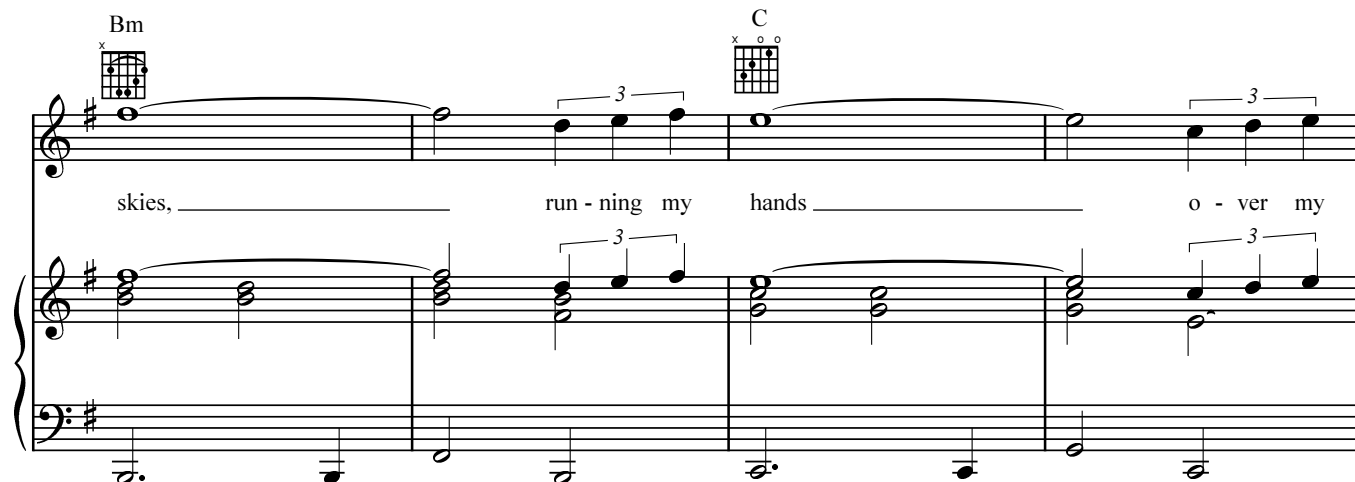
me \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ looked at the



*cresc.* *f*



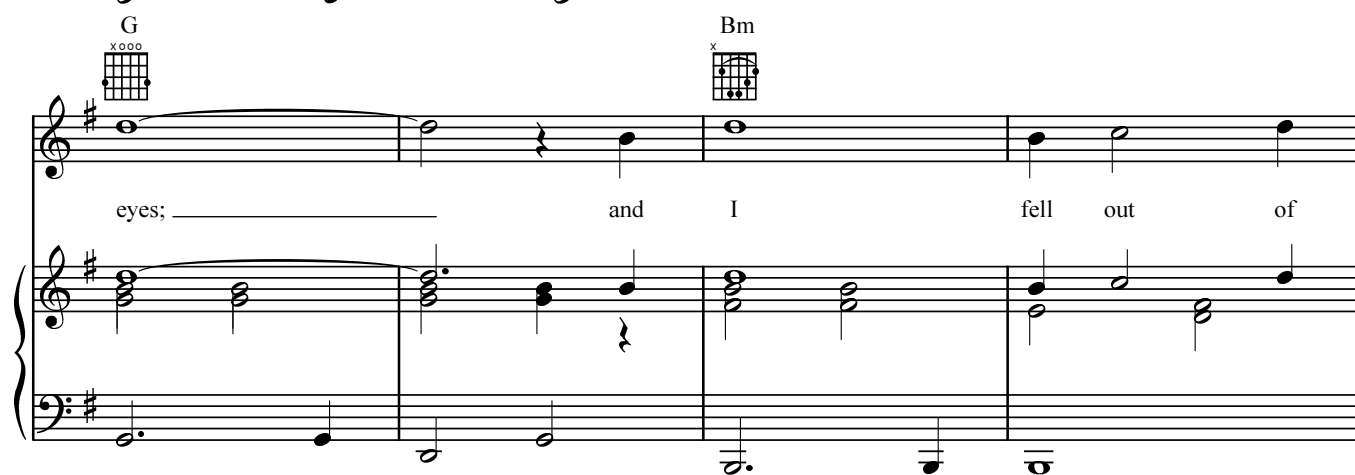
Bm  C 




skies, \_\_\_\_\_ run - ning my hands \_\_\_\_\_ o - ver my



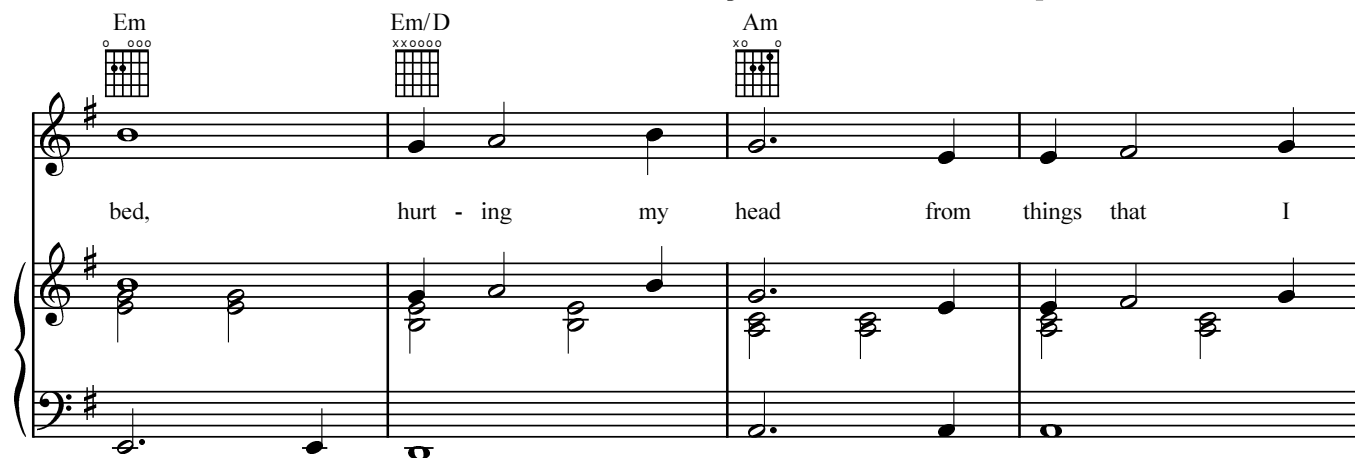
G  Bm 

eyes; \_\_\_\_\_ and I fell out of



Em  Em/D  Am 

bed, hurt - ing my head from things that I



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D

1. 2. *D.S. al Coda*  
(verse 2)

CODA

G

said. Till Till me,

*mf* *mf* *gradual cresc.*

oh, no, that the joke was on me,

oh.

*f*

*mp*

D

Bm

C

D

G

Bm

C

D

G