



If I Was *That* Donkey

A Christmas Lullaby
for Children's Voices

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6/8

I wish I was the don key_ that

C G Am F C G Am F C Am

7

stayed be-side You_ ev-en when the night air_ grew sharp_ and cold. I'd have

F C G E F G

13

carr-ied You to Beth-le hem, You were al-read-y here, not yet_ born.

C Am F C G F G F

19

Sleep_ Jes-us_ Close your eyes and for-get the storm.

F C G(sus4) Am C F C G

25

Musical score for measures 25-30. The vocal line is in G major, starting on a whole note G4 and moving through a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. Chords are labeled: Am, C, F, G, Dm, C.

Sleep— Jes - us— You are held,— You are warm. ————— If I was— that

Am C F G Dm C

31

Musical score for measures 31-35. The vocal line continues with eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment maintains the same bass line and chordal structure. Chords are labeled: Am, F, C, G, E.

don-key I'd have felt the door o - pen slow. Smelled the wool and the earth on them, heard

Am F C G E

36

Musical score for measures 36-40. The vocal line includes a melisma on the word "I". The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line and chordal structure. Chords are labeled: F, G, C, Am, F.

their voic-es go low. There was sing-ing I ————— could-n't see—some-where high— in the

F G C Am F

41

Musical score for measures 41-45. The vocal line concludes with a final note. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line and chordal structure. Chords are labeled: C, G, G, G, G.

air, not meant for— hooves or for lis-ten - ing— but still it was there. And

C G G G G

46

once, through the raft- ers__ the dark broke in two.____ A light in the night__ that

Am C F C G Am C

52

did-n't feel new.____ 3.If I was_ that don-key one day I'd walk you through the

F G G C Am F

58

ci- ty. There'd be voic- es__ I would-n't know. A word, like 'Ho-sann-a' on the

C F E F G(sus4)

63

wind.____

C G Am F C G Am F C