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♩. = 80

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B
B

Basses or Solo * *mf* Oh — oh

♩. = 80

Piano *mf* (eliminate left hand if bass is playing)

[A] *mf* Ah — (falsetto) Oo —

yes, — I'm the great pre - tend - er, — {pre - a -

[A] *mf* simile

5 Ah — 6 simile Oo —

tend - ing that I'm — do - ing well. — My
 drift — in a world — of my own. — I

* If Soloist employed, Basses join other two parts.

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stagger breathing

Ah

need _____ is such I pre - tend _____ too much, I'm _____
 play _____ the game but to my _____ real shame, you've _____

Ab Eb Eb Ab

1. 9 Ah

lone - ly _____ but no _____ one can tell. _____ Oh _____ oh
 left me _____ to dream _____ all a -

1. 10 Eb Eb7 Eb Eb7

2x

2. 11 Oo _____ Ah _____

lone. _____ Too real _____ is this feel - ing of

2. 11 Eb [B] Ab [B] Ab

Synco →

13 Oo Ah

1 2 3 4

make - be - lieve, too real when I feel what my

13 Eb 14 Ab

15 Oh

heart can't con-ceal.

15 Eb Bb 16 $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

[C] $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

18 Yes, Oo

1 2 3 4

Yes, I'm the great pre - tend - er, just

[C] $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ Eb Ab Eb

18 simile

19 20

Ah _____ Oo _____

laugh - ing and gay _____ like a clown. _____

Ab Eb

21 22

stagger breathing

Ah _____ 2 3 4 2 3 4

seem _____ to be, but I'm not, you see, I'm

Ab Bb Eb Ab

23 24

Ah _____ 2 3 4

wear-ing _____ my heart like a crown, pre -

Ab/Bb Bb G Bb

25 26

Oo _____

tend - ing_ that you're still a - round. _____ Too

25 26

[D] 28

Ah _____

Oo _____

real _____ is this feel - ing of make - be - lieve, too

[D] 28

stagger breathing 30

Ah _____

Oh _____

(opt. solo*)

real _____ when I feel what my heart can't con-ceal.

29 30

* Opt. Solo line: If singing this line, omit lower part.

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ [E] $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

Yes,

Yes, I'm the great pre

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ [E] $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

Ab

33 Oo Ah 34

tend - er, just laugh - ing and gay like a

Ab Ab

simile

35 Oo Ah 36 stagger breathing

clown. I seem to be, but I'm

Ab Ab Eb

* opt. melody



37 38

not, you see, I'm wear-ing my heart like a

El Ab Eb/Bb Eb

39 40

39 40

Freely, slow

crown, pre tend-ing that you're still a

G Freely, slow Eb/Bb B7

39 40

mp

Bb Bow

41 42

on cue

Still a round.

round.

41 42

on cue Ab Eb