

A Cockeyed Optimist

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Keyboard

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays chords in the treble clef, and the left hand plays chords in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (three flats). The first system has a measure of Eb6 in the right hand and Eb6 in the left hand. The second system has a measure of Ab7/Eb in the right hand and Ab7/Eb in the left hand.

Measure 5: A single note (B-flat) in the treble clef, followed by a whole rest. The key signature is B-flat major.

Measures 9-12: A melodic line in the treble clef. Measure 9 starts with a repeat sign. Chords above the staff are Eb, Eb aug, and Cm/Eb.

 When the sky heard is a bright ca - na - ry and yel - low, I for -
 heard peo - ple rant and rave and bel - low that we're

Measures 13-16: A melodic line in the treble clef. Chords above the staff are Bbm7, Eb7, Bbm7, and Eb7.

 get done ev - 'ry cloud I've ev - er be seen. So they
 and we might as well be dead. But I'm

Measures 17-20: A melodic line in the treble clef. Chords above the staff are Ab, Ab°7, Ebmaj7, and Eb6.

 call on - me a cock - eyed op - ti - mist, im - ma -
 ly a cock - eyed op - ti - mist, and I

Measures 21-24: A melodic line in the treble clef. Chords above the staff are Fm7, Bb7, and Ebmaj7 (first ending).

 ture can't and in - cur - a - bly green! I have
 get it in - to my

Measures 25-28: A melodic line in the treble clef. Measure 25 starts with a second ending bracket. Chords above the staff are Eb.

 head. I

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27 Gm Am7 D7

hear the hu - man race is fall - ing on its face and

31 Gm Am7 D7

has - n't ver - y far to go. _____ But

35 Gm Am7 D7

ev - 'ry whip - poor - will is sell - ing me a bill, and

39 Gm Dm To Coda Bb7

tell - ing me it just ain't so. _____ I could

43 Eb Ebaug Cm/Eb

say life is just a bowl of jel - lo _____ and ap -

47 Bbm7 Eb7 Bbm7 Eb7

pear more in - tell - i - gent and smart. _____ But I'm

51 Ab Ab°7 Eb Eb°7

stuck like a dope with a thing called hope, and I

55 Bb/D Bbaug/D Gm Ebmaj7

can't get it out of my heart! _____

59 Ab Bb7 Eb (Sax) D.S. al Coda

Not this heart. _____

♩ Coda

63 B♭ C7 F F aug Dm/F

so. I could say life is just a bowl of jel-lo and ap -

69 Cm7 F7 Cm7 F7

pear more in - tell - i - gent and smart. But I'm

73 B♭ B♭°7 F F°7

stuck like a dope with a thing called hope, and I

77 C/E C aug/E Am F maj7

can't get it out of my heart! No,

81 B♭ C7

Not this

85 F Gm7

heart, not this

89 F (Sax) Dm7 C7 F

heart!