

Prelude to a Kiss

Bb High for Alto Voice Key

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Medium Ballad [Sarah Vaughan 1954] ($\text{♩} = 93$)

A1 A⁹ D⁹ G⁷ C_MA⁷ (F⁷) F#⁹ B⁹ E⁷ A_MI⁷

If you hear a song in blue, like a flow - er cry - ing For the dew, -

5 A_MI⁷⁽¹¹⁾ D⁷ D#⁰⁷ E_MI⁷ A¹³ A_MI⁷ D^{7(b9)} G_MA⁷ B_MI⁷ E⁷

that was my heart ser - e - nad - ing you, - My prelude to a kiss. -

A2 A⁹ D⁹ G⁷ C_MA⁷ (F⁷) F#⁹ B⁹ E⁷ A_MI⁷

If you hear a song that grows from my ten - der sen - ti - ment - al woes, -

13 A_MI⁷⁽¹¹⁾ D⁷ D#⁰⁷ E_MI⁷ A¹³ A_MI⁷ D^{7(b9)} G_MA⁷ C#_MI⁷ F#⁷

that was my heart try-ing to com-pose a prelude to a kiss. -

B B_MA⁷ G#_MI⁷ C#_MI^{7(b5)} F#⁷ B_MA⁷ G#_MI⁷ C#_MI⁷ F#⁷

Though it's just a sim-ple mel-o - dy With nothing fan - cy, nothing much,

21 B_MA⁷ G#_MI⁷ C#_MI^{7(b5)} F#⁷ B_MA⁷ E⁷ A_MI¹¹ B_b_MI¹¹ B_MI¹¹ B⁹

You could turn it to a symphony, A Schubert tune with a Gersh - win touch. Oh,

A3 A⁹ D⁹ G⁷ C_MA⁷ (F⁷) F#⁹ B⁹ E⁷ A_MI⁷

how my love song gent - ly cries for the ten - der - ness with - in your eyes, - my

29 A_MI⁷⁽¹¹⁾ D⁷ D#⁰⁷ E_MI⁷ A¹³ A_MI⁷ D^{7(b9)} G_MA⁷ (B_MI⁷ E⁷)

love is a pre-lude that nev - er dies, - A prelude to a kiss. -