

If I Only Had a Brain

Standard Key

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Medium [Ray Bolger, Wizard of Oz 1939] ($\text{♩} = 128$)

A1

Sheet music for the first section (A1) of the song. The key signature is one flat (F major). The melody starts on F and moves through various chords including G_{Mi}7 and G_{Mi}7/C. The lyrics describe a dreamlike state where time passes slowly and the singer interacts with nature.

I could while a-way the ho-urs, con - ferr-in' with the flow-ers, con -

Continuation of the musical score for section A1. The melody continues with chords F, B_b/F, F_{MA}7, G_{Mi}7/F, and F⁶. The lyrics mention being lost in the rain and the resulting confusion.

sult - in' with the rain. And my

Continuation of the musical score for section A1. The melody continues with chords G_{Mi}7 and C⁷. The lyrics describe the singer's thoughts and dreams while lost in the rain.

head I'd be scratchin', while my thoughts were bus - y hatch-in', if I

Continuation of the musical score for section A1. The melody continues with chords F, B_b/F, F, G^{7(#5)}, and C⁷. The lyrics continue the narrative of being lost and confused.

on - ly had a brain. I'd un -

A2

Continuation of the musical score for section A2. The melody continues with chords F⁶, G_{Mi}7, G_{Mi}7/C, F, B_b/F, F_{MA}7, G_{Mi}7/F, and F⁶. The lyrics describe the singer's desire to solve riddles and help others.

ravel ev'-ry riddle for an-y in-divid-ble in trouble or in pain. With the

Continuation of the musical score for section A2. The melody continues with chords G_{Mi}7, C⁷, F, B_b/F, F, F⁶, C_{Mi}7, and F⁷. The lyrics express the singer's thoughts about becoming another Lincoln if they had a brain.

thoughts I'd be thinkin' I could be another Lincoln if I only had a brain. Oh,

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17 **B** **B^{o7}** **A_{MI}⁷** **D⁷** **G_{MI}⁷** **C⁷** **F_{MA}⁷** **F⁶**

I could tell you why, the ocean's near the shore. I could

21 **E_{MI}^{7(b5)}** **A⁷** **D_{MI}⁷**

think of things I've never thunk be - fore and then I'd

23 **G⁹** **N.C.** / **F⁰⁷** **C^{7/G}** **N.C.**

sit and think some more. I would

25 **A3**
 F⁶ **G_{MI}⁷** **G_{MI}^{7/C}**

not be just a nuff -in', my head all full of stuff -in', my

27 **F** **B_{b/F}** **F_{MA}⁷** **G_{MI}^{7/F}** **F⁶**

heart all full of pain. I would

29 **G_{MI}⁷** **C⁷** **F** **B_{b/F}** **F** **F⁶** **(C⁷)**

dance and be merry, life would be a dinga-derry, if I on-ly had a brain. —