

I STARTED A JOKE

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Moderately slow, in 2

1=80

The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The first staff starts with a G chord. The second staff starts with a D chord. The third staff starts with a D chord. The fourth staff starts with an Em chord. The fifth staff starts with a D chord. The sixth staff starts with a C chord. The seventh staff starts with a C chord. The eighth staff starts with a C chord.

Chords indicated above the staves include: G, Bm, C, G, D, G, Bm, C, D, G, Em, Bm, C, G, D, Bm, Em, Am, G, Bm, C, G, D, Bm, C, G, D, Bm, C, G.

Lyrics are provided for each staff, corresponding to the chords and measures. The lyrics are:

Staff 1: I start - ed a joke which start - ed the
I start - ed to cry which start - ed the
I fi - nal - ly died which start - ed the the

Staff 2: whole world cry - ing, but
whole world laugh - ing; oh, if
whole world liv - ing; oh, if

Staff 3: I did - n't see that the joke was on me.
I'd on - ly seen
I'd on - ly seen

Staff 4: I looked at the skies, run - ning my hands o - ver my eyes.
I

Staff 5: and I fell out of bed, hurt - ing my head from things that I
said.

Staff 6: Till me, oh,

Staff 7: no, _____ that the joke was on me. _____

Staff 8: Oh. _____

A "To Coda" instruction is placed above the third staff, and a "D.C. al Coda" instruction is placed above the fifth staff. The score concludes with a final section starting on the eighth staff.