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Slowly (with a double-time feel)

mf

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time. The right hand features a series of chords and single notes, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note bass line. The tempo is marked 'Slowly (with a double-time feel)' and the dynamic is 'mf'.

1. My ma - ma

mp-mf

The vocal entry is on a single note, 'ma', followed by a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line and chordal structure. The dynamic is marked 'mp-mf'.

§ Verse:



told me when I was young, _____ come sit be -

(Instrumental)

The vocal line consists of a single note 'me' followed by a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line and chordal structure. The dynamic is marked '(Instrumental)'.



side me, my on - ly son, and lis - ten

The vocal line consists of a single note 'side' followed by a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line and chordal structure.



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close - ly to what I say, _____ And if you



do this, it will help you _____ some sun - ny day.



1. _____ 2. Oh take your

Verse:



time, don't live too fast, trou - bles will

3., 4. (see additional lyrics)

mp-mf

C G7 Am

come and they will pass. Go find a

C G7 Am

wom - an and you'll find love And don't for -

C G7 Am

get son, there is some - one up a - bove And be a

Chorus:

C G7 Am

sim - ple kind of man or be

4

C



G7



Am



some - thing you love and un - der - stand. _____ Ba - by be a

C



G7



Am



To Coda ☐

sim - ple _____ kind of man. _____ Oh, won't you

C



G7



Am



do this for me son, if you can. _____

C



G7



Am

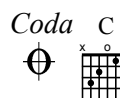


1.

2.

D.S. % al Coda
(with repeats)

3. For-get your can. _____



do this for me son, if you can _____ Ba - by be a



sim - ple _____ be a sim - ple man _____ or be _____



Repeat and fade

some - thing you love and un - der - stand. _____ Ba - by be a

Additional lyrics

Verse 3: Forget your lust for rich man's gold
All that you need is in your soul.
And you can do this if you try
All that I want for you, my son
Is to be satisfied.

Verse 4: Boy don't you worry... you'll find yourself
Follow your heart and nothing else.
And you can do this if you try.
All that I want for you, my son
Is to be satisfied.

Repeat Chorus