

AIN' IT DE TRUTH?

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Moderately bright with a beat

f (like a spiritual)

The piano introduction is in B-flat major, 4/4 time. It features a melody in the right hand with eighth and sixteenth notes, and a bass line in the left hand with eighth notes and chords. The tempo is 'Moderately bright with a beat'.

E^b F⁹ B^b7 E^b

1. Life is short, short, broth-er! AIN' IT DE TRUTH? An' dere is no oth-er,
2. (Life is) short, short, broth-er! AIN' IT DE TRUTH? An' dere is no oth-er,

The first system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the first verse. The piano part has a steady eighth-note bass line. The vocal melody is in the right hand, with lyrics written below the notes.

Fm⁷ B^b7 B^b+7 E^b Fm⁷ F[#]dim E^b7 A^b A^bm6

AIN' IT DE TRUTH? You got-ta ^{rock} grab dat rain-bow while you still got your youth, Oh!
AIN' IT DE TRUTH? So if you don't love liv-in' you is slight-ly un-couth, Oh!

The second system continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano part features more complex chords and a consistent eighth-note bass line. The vocal melody includes a 'rock' annotation above the word 'grab'.

E^b F⁹ F⁷-5 B^b7 E^b

ain' it de sol-id truth? Was a man called Ad-am,
ain' it de dig-ni-fied truth? Said dat gal Du-bar-ry,

The third system shows the final part of the song. The piano part has a more active bass line with some triplets. The vocal melody concludes with the lyrics 'Ad-am' and 'Du-bar-ry'.