

# IF I DIE YOUNG

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Slowly ♩ = 69

Chorus:

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




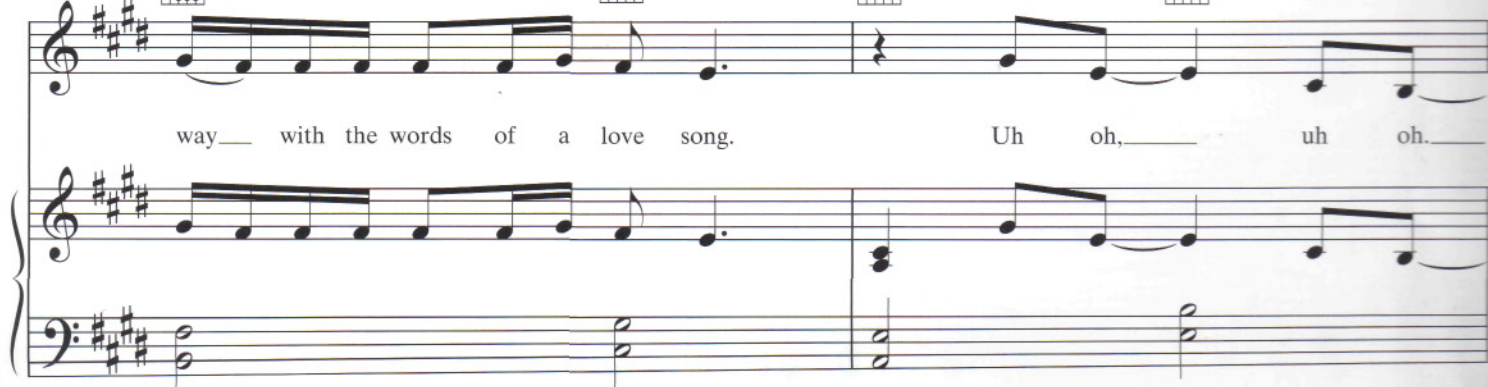
If I die young, bur-y me in sat-in, lay me down



on a bed of ros-es, sink me in the riv-er at dawn, send me a



way with the words of a love song. Uh oh, uh oh

\*All vocals written at pitch.

## Verse 1:

B E/B B7 A E

1. Lord, make me a rain - bow, I'll shine down on my moth-er. She'll know I'm safe with

*mf*

B C#m7 A E

you when she stands un-der my col-ors. Oh, and life ain't al-ways what you think it ought to be, no,

B C#m7 A E

ain't e-ven gray, but she bur-ies her ba - by. The sharp knife of a short life.

B C#m7 A E

Well, I've had just e-nough time.

Chorus:

B E/B B7 A E

If I die— young, bur - y me in sat - in, lay— me down—

B C#m7 A E

— on a bed of ros - es, sink— me in the riv - er at dawn,— send— me— a -

B C#m7 A E

way— with the words of a love song. The sharp— knife of a short— life—

B C#m7 A E

— Well, I've— had just e - nough

## Verse 2:

B E/B B7 A E

time. 2. And I'll be wear-ing white when I come in - to your king-dom. I'm as

B C#m7 A E

green as the ring on my lit - tle cold fin - ger. I've nev - er known the lov - ing of a man, but it

B C#m7 A E

sure felt nice when he was hold-ing my hand. There's a boy here in town, says he'll love me for - ev - er.

B C#m7 A E

Who would have thought for - ev - er could be sev - ered by the sharp knife of a short life...

B  C#m7  A  E 



Well, I've had just enough time.

B  E/B  B7  A  E 



B  C#m7  A  E 



Bridge:

B  C#m7  A  E 



So put on your best boys and I'll wear my pearls.



*mp* *rit.*

Verse 3:

B



A



E/G#



What I nev-er did is done. 3. A pen-ny for my thoughts, oh no, I'll sell them for a dol-lar.

*a tempo*

B/F#



C#m7



They're worth so much more af - ter I'm a gon - er. And

A



E



may - be then you'll hear the words I've been sing - ing.

B



C#m



Fun - ny, when you're dead how peo - ple start lis - t'nin'.

*rit.*

A E B E/B B7

If I die

*a tempo*

**Chorus:**  
A E B C#m7

young, bur - y me in sat - in, lay me down on a bed of ros - es, sink me in the

*mf*

A E B C#m7

riv - er at dawn, send me a - way with the words of a love song. Uh

A E B C#m7

oh, (Uh oh, the bal - lad of the dove. uh oh. Go with peace and love.)



Musical notation for the first system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Gath-er up your tears, keep\_ 'em in your pock-et. Save them for a time when you're real-ly gon-na need them. Oh,--

Piano accompaniment for the first system.



Musical notation for the second system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

the sharp\_ knife of a short\_ life. Well,

Piano accompaniment for the second system.



Musical notation for the third system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

I've\_ had just e-nough time. So

Piano accompaniment for the third system, including a triplet and a ritardando marking.

Freely



N.C.

Musical notation for the fourth system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

put on your best boys\_ and I'll wear my pearls.

Piano accompaniment for the fourth system, including a triplet and a ritardando marking.