



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FRIEND

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Ab Eb/Ab Gb/Ab Db/Ab Ab Eb/Ab Gb/Ab Db/Ab

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the piece. The vocal line starts with a whole rest in measure 1, followed by a half note G4 in measure 2, a quarter note A4 in measure 3, and a quarter note Bb4 in measure 4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: Ab in measure 1, Eb/Ab in measure 2, Gb/Ab and Db/Ab in measure 3, and Ab, Eb/Ab, Gb/Ab, and Db/Ab in measure 4.

5 6

friend's not a cheap lit - tle pho - ny creep, Or a jerk tryin' to make a deal. — A

Ab Eb/Ab Gb/Ab Db/Ab

Detailed description: This system contains measures 5 and 6. The vocal line has a quarter note G4 in measure 5, followed by eighth notes A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, Bb6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, Bb7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, Bb8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, Bb9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, Bb10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, Bb11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, Bb12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, Bb13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, Bb14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, Bb15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, Bb16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, Bb17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, Bb18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, Bb19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, Bb20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, Bb21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, Bb22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, Bb23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, Bb24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, Bb25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, Bb26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, Bb27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, Bb28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, Bb29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, Bb30, C31, D31, E31, 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no-thing is hard - er than learn - ing a friend ___ is - n't real. ___ A

Ab/C Db2 Ab/C Db Db/Eb

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the musical score, covering measures 9, 10, and 11. The vocal line is written in a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: "no-thing is hard - er than learn - ing a friend ___ is - n't real. ___". The piano accompaniment consists of two staves (treble and bass clefs) with chords indicated below the staff. The chords for measures 9-10 are Ab/C and Db2, and for measure 11 is Db/Eb. The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

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friend sends notes back and forth all day ___ and does -n't care that you ___ can't spell. ___ A

Ab Eb/Ab Gb/Ab Db/Ab

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the musical score, covering measures 12 and 13. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "friend sends notes back and forth all day ___ and does -n't care that you ___ can't spell. ___". The piano accompaniment shows chords: Ab for measure 12, Eb/Ab for the second half of measure 12, Gb/Ab for the first half of measure 13, and Db/Ab for the second half of measure 13. The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

14 15

friend knows you've got a crush ___ on your teach - er but a friend would ne - ver tell. ___ A

Ab Eb/Ab Gb/Ab Db/Ab

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the musical score, covering measures 14 and 15. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "friend knows you've got a crush ___ on your teach - er but a friend would ne - ver tell. ___". The piano accompaniment shows chords: Ab for measure 14, Eb/Ab for the second half of measure 14, Gb/Ab for the first half of measure 15, and Db/Ab for the second half of measure 15. The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

16 17 18

friend's out - side wait - ing The min - ute you both ___ hear the bell... ___ And if your heart ___

Ab/C Db2 Ab/C Db2 Db

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of the musical score, covering measures 16, 17, and 18. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "friend's out - side wait - ing The min - ute you both ___ hear the bell... ___ And if your heart ___". The piano accompaniment shows chords: Ab/C and Db2 for measures 16-17, and Db for measure 18. The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

19 is al - ways break - ing _____ 'Cause the world _____ is just _____ not fair, _____

Chords: Eb/G, Eb/Db, Ab/C, Ab, Eb/G, Eb/Db

22 _____ When you're at _____ your worst, _____ Your friend's _____ the first _____ one there, _____

Chords: Ab/C, Ab, Cm7, Fm7

25 _____ Giv - ing you some - thing to lean _____ on - _____ And that's _____

Chords: Db, Ab/C, Ab/Cb, Bb°7

28 _____ what it means _____ to be _____ a friend. _____

Chords: Ab/Eb, Ab, Bbm7, Db/Eb, Ab, Eb/Ab

41 is al - ways break - ing, 42 And you want 43 to run and hide,

Eb/G Eb/Db Ab/C Ab Eb/G Eb/Db

44 When your hope 45 is gone, Your friend

Ab/C Ab Cm7

46 is on 47 your side. If some -

Fm7 Db

48 - one moves in 49 'round the cor - ner 50 And you want to show him you care,

Ab/C Ab°/Cb Bb°7 Ab/C Ab°/Cb

51 So you give him all your last month of va - ca - tion and all

52

53

Bb°7 Ab/C Ab°/Cb Bbm7 Ab

54 of the time you can spare, And then, on the first day of class -

55

56

Bbsus4 Bb7 Fb7(b5) Ab/Eb

57 es, He acts like you're not e - ven there, Then he -

58

59

Bb7/D Ab/Eb Dbm6/Fb

60 does - n't know... He does - n't know!

61

62

Ab/Eb Ab/Db

63 64 65

He'll _____ nev - er know _____ what it means _____ to be _____

Ab/C Bbm7

66 67 68

_____ A friend. _____

Db/Eb Ab Eb/Ab Gb/Ab Db/Ab

69 70

Fb/Ab Db/Eb Ab