

KILLING ME SOFTLY WITH HIS SONG

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Moderately

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked *mp*. The right hand features a series of chords: a D minor triad (D-F-A), a D minor triad with a 7th (D-F-A-C), a D minor triad with a 9th (D-F-A-B), and a D minor triad with a 7th and 9th (D-F-A-B-C). The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

The vocal entry begins with a *mf* dynamic. The right hand melody is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The left hand accompaniment is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter).
Lyrics:
1. I heard — he sang — a good — song,
2. I felt — all flushed — with fe · ver,
3. He sang — as if — he knew — me,

The vocal entry continues with a *mf* dynamic. The right hand melody is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The left hand accompaniment is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter).
Lyrics:
I heard he had — a style. And so — I came —
em · bar · rased by — the crowd, I felt — he found —
in all my dark — des · pair. And then — he looked —

G7 Am 3-5

to see him to lis - ten for a while.
 my let - ters and read each one out loud.
 right through me as if I was - n't there.

Dm G7

And there he was this young boy,
 I prayed that he would fin - ish,
 But he was there, this stran - ger,

C E

a stran - er to my eyes.
 but he just kept right on.
 sing - ing clear and strong.

Am7 Dm7

Strum - ming my pain with his fin - gers,

G C Am

sing - ing my life_ with his words. _ Kill - ing me soft - ly with his_

D/F# G

song, kill - ing me soft - ly with his_

F C

song. Tell - ing my whole_ life with his_

F B>

words, kill - ing me soft - ly with his_

1. 2. 3. A A

song. rit. e dim. mp