

straight 8's

WISHED TO BE

Words and music
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PRS

♩ = 80 (Colla voce)

Piano introduction in 4/4 time. The right hand plays chords F and Gm7 with a melodic line. The left hand plays a simple bass line. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

F Am7 B^b $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm7 C⁷sus⁴ F / Am7 Dm

Vocal line for the first phrase: "In my child-hood days I won-dered what would lie in store. In the fu-ture would I own great riches

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E^bΔ $\frac{B^b}{D}$ $\frac{E^b7}{D^b}$ / $\frac{F^Δ}{C}$ / $\frac{Gm}{B^b}$ A⁷ Dm $\frac{Dm7}{C}$ B[∅] /

Vocal line for the second phrase: "or stay always poor? Would I fall in love and find a house for chil-dren by the score? May-be

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C⁷sus⁴ C[∅] C⁷sus⁴ C⁷ F Am7

Vocal line for the third phrase: "so, but I knew what I wished to be. When I was in my a-do-les-cence there were

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B^b $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm7 C⁷sus⁴ F / Am7 Dm E^bΔ $\frac{B^b}{D}$ $\frac{E^b7}{D^b}$ /

Vocal line for the fourth phrase: "plans I had to make. Oh-so-ma-n-y sub-jects for ex-a-min-a-tions I must take. So I

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$\frac{F^Δ}{C}$ / $\frac{Gm}{B^b}$ A⁷ Dm $\frac{Dm7}{C}$ B[∅] / C⁷sus⁴ C⁷(b9)

Vocal line for the fifth phrase: "studied hard and did my best for my am-bi-tion's sake, As I knew quite clear-ly what I wished to

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$\frac{B^b}{F}$ F G^bΔ B^bm⁷ B^Δ B^bm⁷ A⁷(-5) /

Vocal line for the sixth phrase: "be. With op-ti-mis-tic sights I joined the world of grown-up folk, And

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A^b
B^bm⁷
E^b
A^b
G⁷⁽⁺⁵⁾
C
/
G^{7sus4}
G⁹

thought that gi-ven time I'd reach my goal. For I worked and worked so hard and my re-

Em⁷
/
A^{7sus4}
A⁷
Dm⁷
/
G^{7sus4}
G⁷
C^{7sus4}
C⁷

solve yet ne-ver broke, But from so-cial life it sad-ly took its toll. The years have

F
Am⁷
B^b
F/A
Gm⁷
C^{7sus4}
F
/
Am⁷
Dm

now gone by and I am in the throws of mi-ddle age, The ca-reers of o-ther peo-ple so suc-

E^bΔ
B^b/D
E^b7/D^b
/
FΔ/C
/
Gm/B^b
A⁷
Dm
Dm⁷/C
B[∅]
/

cess-ful at this stage. I'm not temp-ted by re-tire-ment or a grea-ter wor-king wage, But I

C^{7sus4}
B^bm
Am⁷
A^b

car-ry on and watch as young-er gen-er-a-tions chase cre-a-tions

Gm¹¹
C^{7sus4}
B^b/F
B^bm/F
F
/

of their minds and race a-head of me.

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In my childhood days I wondered what would lie in store.
In the future would I own great riches or stay always poor?
Would I fall in love and find a house for children by the score?
Maybe so, but I knew what I wished to be.

When I was in my adolescence there were plans I had to make.
Oh so many subjects for examinations I must take.
So I studied hard and did my best for my ambition's sake,
As I knew quite clearly what I wished to be.

With optimistic sights I joined the world of grown-up folk,
And thought that given time I'd reach my goal.
For I worked and worked so hard, my resolve yet never broke,
But from social life it sadly took its toll.

The years have now gone by and I am in the throws of middle age,
The careers of other people so successful at this stage.
I'm not tempted by retirement or a greater working wage,
But I carry on and watch as younger generations
Chase creations of their minds and race ahead of me.