

The 1961 Pop Hit by BEN E. KING

Stand by Me

for SAB and Piano*

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Arranged by ROGER EMERSON

Soul Rock (♩ = ca.104)

Opt. 8va (String Bass-like)

B

Bum bum, bum bum,

n.c.

detached

mp

bum bum, bum bum,

S
A

Unison mp 9

When the night — has come — and the land is — dark —

B

bum bum. Bum bum, bum bum, bum bum, bum bum, bum bum, bum bum,

E^b *C_m*

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— and the moon — is the on - ly — light we'll see.

bum bum, bum bum,

Ab *Bb* *Eb*

This system contains the first three measures of the piece. It features a vocal line with lyrics, a bass line with rhythmic accompaniment, and a piano accompaniment with chords and a bass line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats).

17 *mp*

Stand by, — stand by — me. Stand by, —

mel. mf

bum bum. No, I won't — be a-fraid, — no I — won't be a -

Eb *Cm*

This system contains measures 17-20. It includes a piano introduction marked *mp* and a vocal line with lyrics. The piano accompaniment features chords and a bass line. The key signature remains B-flat major.

cresc.

stand by — me. Stand by, — stand by — me. Stand by, — So,

mel. cresc.

fraid just as long — as you stand, — stand by — me. — So,

Ab *Bb* *Eb* *cresc.*

This system contains measures 21-24. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a *cresc.* marking. The key signature remains B-flat major.

25 *f*

dar - lin', dar - lin', Stand by me, woh, stand by me.

dar - lin', dar - lin', Stand by me, woh, stand by me.

f

Ab/Bb Bb Eb Cm

dim. *mf*

Oh, stand, stand by me stand by me.

dim. *mf*

Stand by me, stand by me, stand by me.

dim. *mf*

Ab Bb Eb

33 Spoken: Hushed and breathy and with a "sing song" attitude.

If the sky we look up-on

If the sky that we look up-on should tum-ble and

Eb Cm

tum-ble and fall, the moun-tain should crum-ble to the sea,

fall, or the moun-tain — should crum-ble — to the sea,

Ab Bb Eb

This system contains the first four measures of the piece. It features a vocal line with lyrics, a bass line, and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. Chord changes are marked as *Ab*, *Bb*, and *Eb* above the piano staff.

41 *mp*

I won't cry, I won't cry, I won't

mf

I won't cry, — I won't cry, — no — I won't shed a

Eb Cm

This system contains measures 41-44. Measure 41 is marked with a box containing the number 41 and the dynamic *mp*. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the bass clef starting in measure 41, marked with the dynamic *mf*. Chord changes are marked as *Eb* and *Cm* above the piano staff.

shed a tear just as long as you stand, stand by me. — So.

S.A. cresc. mel. cresc.

tear just as long — as you stand, — stand by — me. — So.

Ab Bb Eb cresc.

This system contains measures 45-48. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the bass clef. The system concludes with a *cresc.* marking in the piano staff. Chord changes are marked as *Ab*, *Bb*, and *Eb* above the piano staff. The vocal line has a *S.A. cresc. mel. cresc.* marking above it.

49 *f* *dim.* *mf*

dar-lin', dar-lin', Stand by me, woh, stand by me. Oh,

dar-lin', dar-lin', Stand by me, woh, stand by me.

f *dim.*

Ab/Bb Bb Eb Cm

Flowing (string quartet-like) *mf*

stand, stand by me, stand by me. Oo

Stand by me, stand by me, stand by me.

mf

Ab Bb Eb

57 *mf* *Stagger breathing*

Oo Oo

mf

Eb Cm Ab

cresc. 65 *f*

So, dar-lin', dar-lin', Stand by me, woh,

cresc. *f*

Oo So, dar-lin', dar-lin', Stand by me, woh,

cresc. *f*

Bb Eb Ab/Bb Bb Eb

dim. *mf* *cresc.*

stand by me. Oh, stand, stand by me, stand by me. So,

dim. *mf* *cresc.*

stand by me. Stand by me, stand by me, stand by me. So,

dim. *mf* *cresc.*

Cm Ab Bb Eb

73 *f*

dar-lin', dar-lin', Stand by me, woh, stand by me.

f

dar-lin', dar-lin', Stand by me, woh, stand by me.

f

Ab/Bb Bb Eb Cm

dim. *mf*

Oh, stand, _____ stand by __me, stand by __me. _____

dim. *mf*

Stand by __me, stand by __me, stand by __me. _____

dim. *mf*

A^b *B^b* *E^b*

dim. *mp* **81**

Oh, stand, _____ stand by __me, stand by __me. _____

dim. *mp*

Stand by __me, stand by __me, stand by __me. _____

dim. *mp*

A^b *B^b* *E^b*

rit.

Oh, stand, _____ stand by __me, stand by __me.

rit.

Stand by __me, stand by __me, stand by __me.

rit.

A^b *B^b* *E^b(add9)* *E^b*

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