

The Ladder

Words and MUSIC by
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Slow Gospel feeling

Db(add Eb)



Dbmaj7/F



Gb(addAb)



Spoken: *Once upon a time in the land of Sin a plenty* *there lived a king who didn't*

mf *smoothly*

Db/F



Ebm7 6fr.



Db 4fr.



Gb(addAb)



deserve 2 be.

He knew not where he came from nor where he was going.



Db(add Eb)



He never once said thank u, never please.

Now this king, he had a subject

Dbmaj7/F



Gb(addAb)



D \flat /F



Ebm7



Db



6fr.

4fr.

named Electra,

who loved him with a passion uncontested.



Gb(addAb)



4 him, each day she had a smile; but it didn't matter.

The king was looking 4 the ladder.



4fr

Chorus:


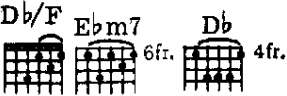
D \flat (add E \flat)




D \flat maj7/F

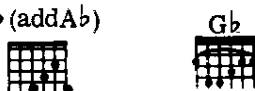


Ev - 'ry - bod - y's look - ing 4 the lad - der,

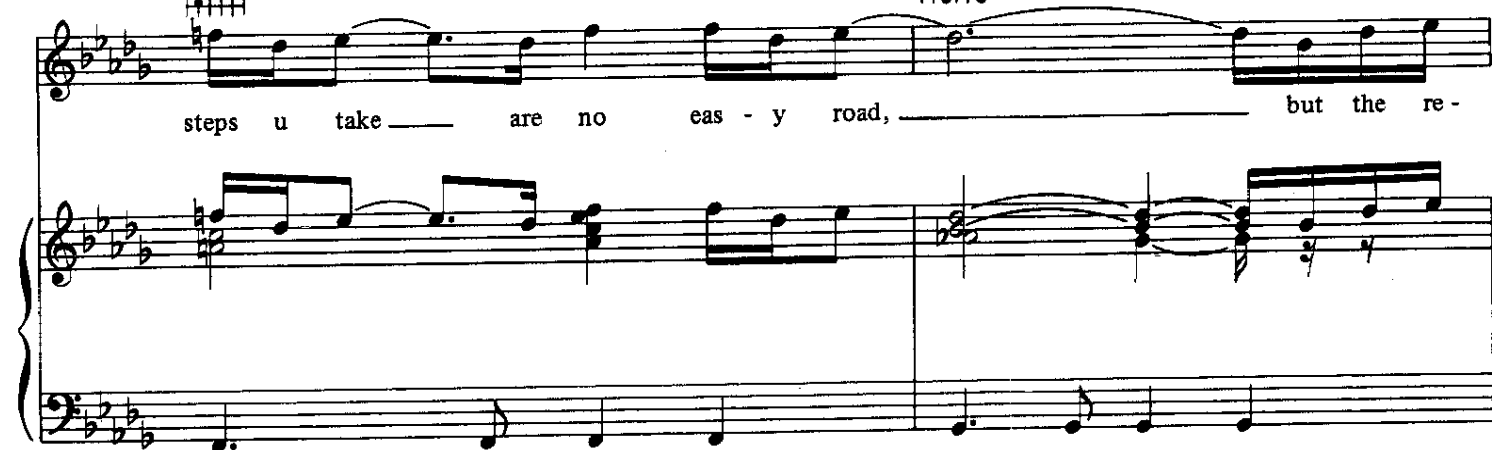




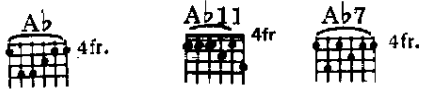
Ev - 'ry - bod - y wants sal - va - tion of the soul. The



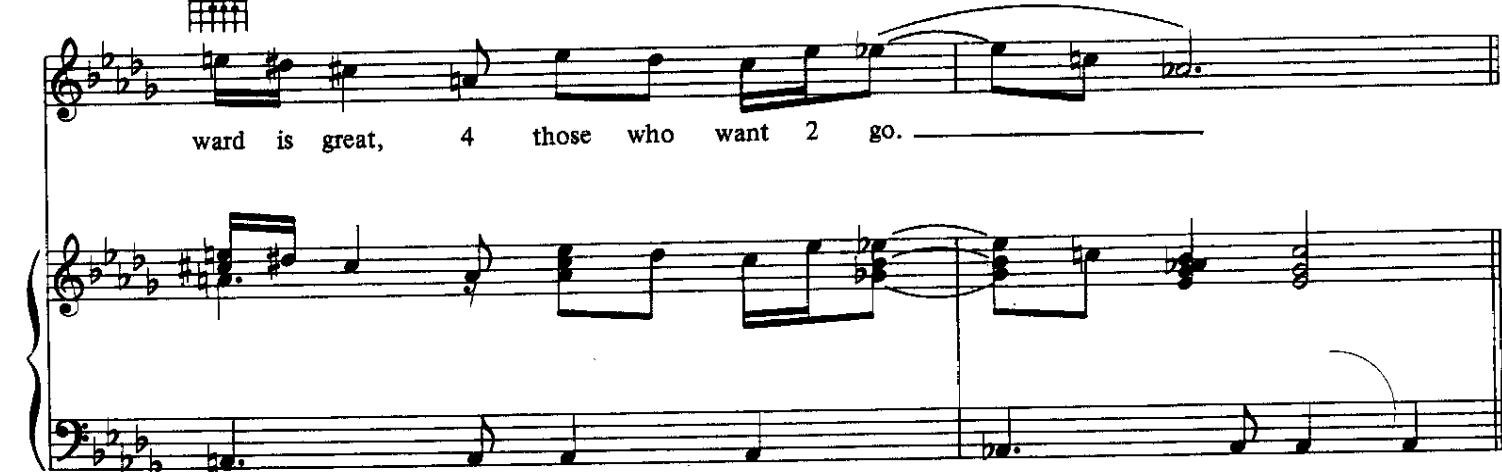



steps u take are no eas - y road, but the re -



ward is great, those who want go.



Db(add Eb)



Dbmaj7/F



Gb



Spoken: A feeling of self-worth will caress u,

the size of the whole wide world will

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

Db/F



Ebm7



Db 6fr.



Db 4fr.



F7



Gb(addAb)



Gb



decrease.

The love of God's creation will undress u,

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

Repeat and fade

Db(add Eb)



slide








and time, spent alone, my friend, will cease. Ah. _____

(Sung)

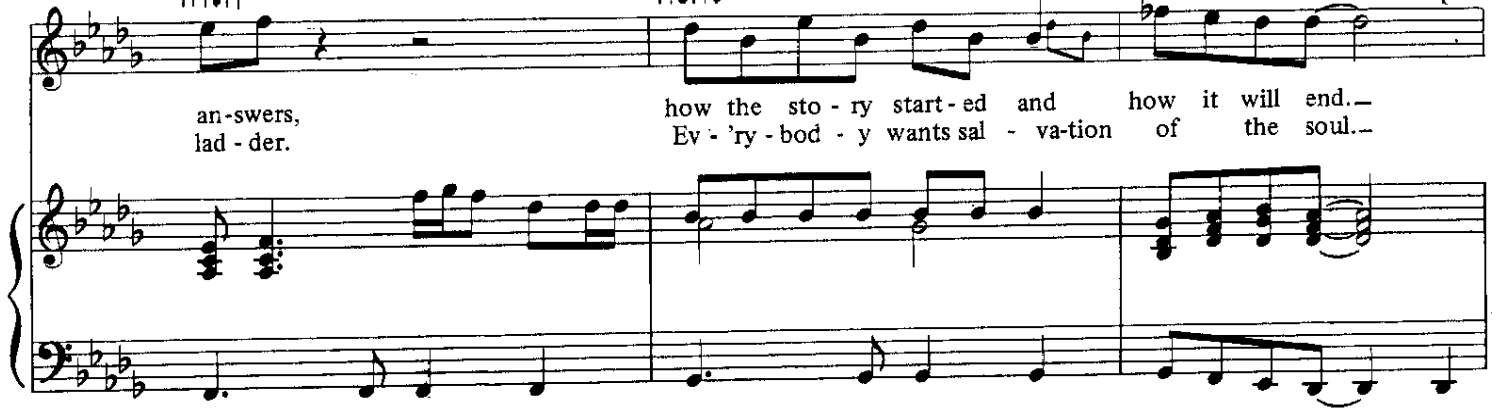
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

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

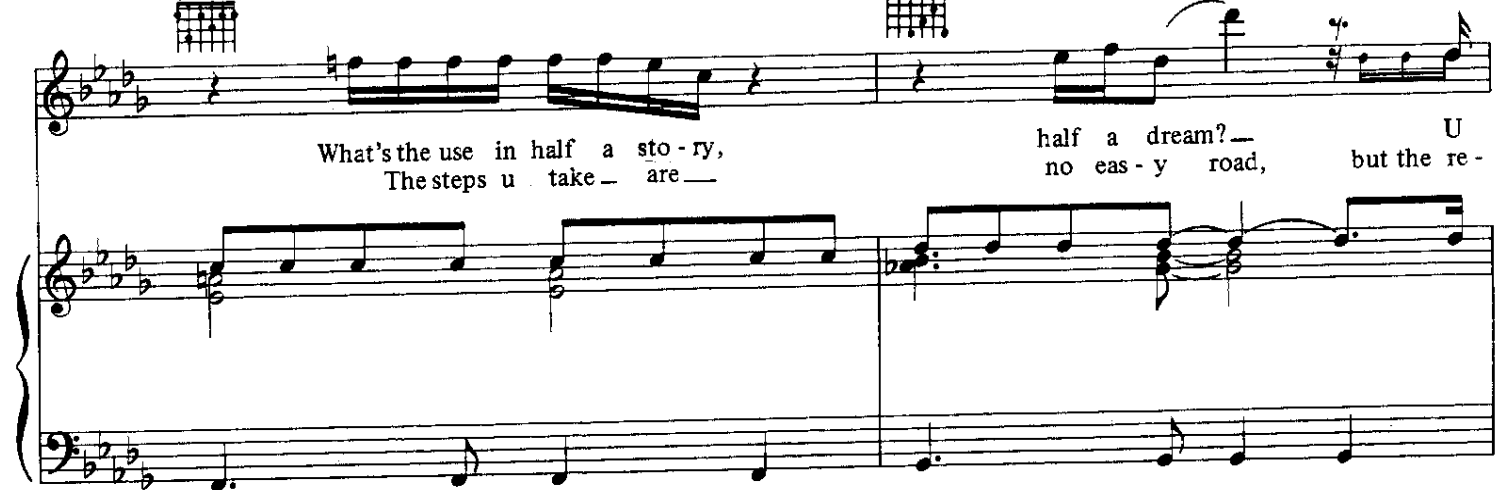
Dbmaj7/F  Gb(addAb)  Db/F  Ebm7  6fr. Db  4fr.



an-swers, how the sto - ry start - ed and how it will end. -
lad - der. Ev - 'ry - bod - y wants sal - va - tion of the soul. -



F7  Gb(addAb)  Gb  4fr.

What's the use in half a sto - ry, half a dream? - U
The steps u . take - are - no eas - y road, but the re -



A  Ab11  4fr.

have to climb all the steps in be - tween. -
ward is great 4 those who want 2 go. -

