

When Life Was May

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Waltz Song for Soprano
From the Operetta, "Diamond cut Diamond"

Music by
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Allegro

Piano introduction in G major, 3/4 time. The first section is marked **Allegro** and **f** (forte). The second section is marked **Tempo di Valse** and **p** (piano). The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

6 G G D7 G G C G D7

Clara

When Life ___ was May, Oh! bright ___ and gay, I roamed up -

Soprano vocal line for measures 6-11. The melody is in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "When Life ___ was May, Oh! bright ___ and gay, I roamed up -".

Piano accompaniment for measures 6-11. The left hand plays a simple bass line, and the right hand plays chords and single notes.

12 G A7 D7 G D7 G

on ___ the mer - ry ___ leas; And free ___ as ___ air, I

Soprano vocal line for measures 12-17. The melody is in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "on ___ the mer - ry ___ leas; And free ___ as ___ air, I".

Piano accompaniment for measures 12-17. The left hand plays a simple bass line, and the right hand plays chords and single notes.

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G C G Gaug C Adim D7 G

knew no care, My friends the sun - light, the sun - light and the

22

G D A7/E A7 A7/E

breeze. Nev - er sigh - ing, nev - er pin - ing.

27

D Em/G A7(omit 5) B dim/D D D

Pain, Pain and sor - row pass - ing, pass - ing by, Hope and

32 A7/E A7 A7/C# D A7

beau - ty round me shin - ing, Who so hap - py, —

37 A7(omit5) D G D7 G G C

who so hap-py then as I? When Life was May, Oh! bright and

42 G D7 G A7 D7 G D7

gay, I roamed up - on the mer - ry leas; And free as

48

G G C G D7 D7

air, I knew _____ no care, My friends _____ the sun - light, the

53

G G Eb Eb Bb7

sun - light and the breeze.

53

f

58

Bb7 Bb7 Bb7 Bb7 Eb

Now _____

58

64 Eb D Ab Eb Eb Ab Eb C7 C7sus

I'm griev - ing, Love's de - ceiv -

70 Ab Bb7(omit 3) Ddim Eb Eb Bb F7(omit 3)

ing! Nev - er chid - ing, still,

76 F7 Bb Bb Eb Bb7 Eb Eb D Ab Eb

still be - liev - ing, Hearts their fol -

82 Eb D Ab Eb Eb Ab Ebdim7 Eb G7

ly still are prov - ing, When

88 Gaug7 G7 C C A7 A7 D

they sad - ly wake to lov -

94 G dim/D D G dim/D D mf

ing Ah! yes, Ah! yes, Ah! yes, When

100

G D7 G G C G D7 G

Life was May, Oh! bright and gay, I roamed up - on the

106

A7 D7 G D7 G Bm/F# F#7 B B7

mer - ry leas; And free as air, I knew no care, My

112

C G/D C#dim7 G D7 G N.C. D7

friends, the sun - light, and the breeze. Ah!

117

G/D D7 G N.C. D#7 G/D

p *fz*

me, When Life was May, How bright,

122

D7 G G G G

bright and gay, la la la la la la la la

127

G C G Cm G

la.

ff