

WHEN THE WORLD'S AT STAKE

MOTHER

Piano, Synth, Acoustic Guitar, Bass, Drum Set

CUE: Mother: "Now, listen to me."

Music and Lyrics by
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4 4 Tender Rock Ballad ♩ = 70-72

Piano

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CUE: "...she certainly didn't
make it any easier"

Mom

At

F#sus

Pno.

11 Freely, colla voce

Mom

first, I _____ did - n't want _____ it. Her dad - dy... well we did - n't fit.

E B E B

Pno.

13

Mom

I could - n't swing it. I was scared to do it a - lone. _____

Pno.

E B F#sus F#

(+Drums)

15

Mom

se-ven-teen and preg - nant, Not what I had in mind. Her dad-dy was a farm - er but

Pno.

B2 D#m G#m7

18

Mom

not the weal-thy kind. I want-ed to be a dan - cer, not the kind I did for pay.

Pno.

E F# G#m7 D#m

3

Mom

21

Who was this new per - son — who was get - ting in — my way?

Pno.

21

G#m F# C#/F E F# V

Mom

23

(cue notes optional)

I could have walked out left her for dead, cut her out with my own hands! But

Pno.

23

C#m E B G#m

Mom

25

some - thin' in — me is kick - in' and scream - in' to live! — When the

Pno.

25

E B F#sus F#

27

Mom

world's at__ stake, there are lives to save. eventhough I__ shake my hands at

Pno.

E B2/D# E

27

STRINGS



30

Mom

God I__ pray, let her have a bet - ter life__ than I can pro-vide. Lord have

Pno.

B2/D# E B2/D#

30

5

Mom

33

mer - cy on my soul as I try to do her right! It

Pno.

33

B2/C# B2/D# E6 B/D#F#sus



Mom

36

took a long, long time_ to un - der - stand God's plan for me._ He

Pno.

36

B2 D#m

Mom

38

threw me down the ri - ver, beat my flush in Kan - ka - kee. By the

Pno.

38

G#m E F#



Mom

40

time my wa-ter broke, — I was deep in my own debt. But when I saw her face, it was

Pno.

40

G#m7 D#m G#m F# C#/F

43

Mom

ea - sy to__ for-get.__ I knew I had to get her a - way,

Pno.

43 E F#sus F# C#m E



45

Mom

take her to wheremy debt was paid, a newbe - gin - ning aplace I'd ne-ver been

Pno.

45 B G#m E B

47

Mom

— and ne-ver sinned! When the world's at _ stake, all your dreams, they change, and e-v'ry

Pno.

F#sus F# E B2/D#

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music, measures 47-49. The vocal line (Mom) starts at measure 47 with the lyrics "and ne-ver sinned! When the world's at stake, all your dreams, they change, and e-v'ry". The piano accompaniment (Pno.) features chords F#sus, F#, E, and B2/D# over measures 47-49. The grand staff below shows empty treble and bass staves for the piano part.



50

Mom

step you take is for an - o - ther's sake. Ande - ven if she growsto hate me I won't

Pno.

E B2/D# E

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of music, measures 50-52. The vocal line (Mom) starts at measure 50 with the lyrics "step you take is for an - o - ther's sake. Ande - ven if she growsto hate me I won't". The piano accompaniment (Pno.) features chords E, B2/D#, and E over measures 50-52. The grand staff below shows empty treble and bass staves for the piano part.

53

Mom

change my course or heart! Lord have mercy on my soul if we e-ver grow a part!

B2/D# B2/C# B2/D#

Pno.



Broadly, expressive

56

Mom

ff

You think that I re-sent her ve-ry be-ing? That may-be I re-gret her e-ver need-ing a

E(#4)

Pno.

ff

58 *pp* *ff*

Mom
mo - ther... Is it wrong that I en - joy to ride her?

Pno. *pp* *ff*

B2 E(#4)



60 *pp*

Mom
I may be rash and o - ver - pro - tect - ing, not bit - ter!... I sup -

Pno. *pp*

B2

A Tempo

Mom

62 *rit.* pose I ___ could be soft er... // I can do bet - ter, hold you clo - ser, I'm

Pno.

62 G#m F# C#/F C#m E

mf



Mom

64 learning that as I ___ grow old - er, I'm the one to for-give. When the

Pno.

64 B G#m E Gb Ab

66

Mom

world's at stake, you give your life a - way, and it feels so great to watch the

Pno.

66

G \flat 2

D \flat 2/F

G \flat 2



69

Mom

one you save be the most a-dor - ing per - son__ your mom has e-ver known! Lord have

Pno.

69

D \flat 2/F

G \flat 2

D \flat 2/F

Mom

72

rit.

mer - cy on my soul, and let my dreams be all_ her own! _____ When my

Pno.

72

D \flat 2/E \flat D \flat 2/F G \flat 2



Mom

75

Slower, colla voce

world's at_ stake...

Pno.

75

G \flat D \flat /F A \flat sus D \flat