

help me to help my neighbor

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Help me to help my neighbor;
help me to understand;
help me to hear the pleading
of an out-stretched, empty hand;
help me to do to others
as I'd have them do to me;
help me to help my neighbor
whatever his faith may be;
help me to see a heavy heart
behind a smiling face;
help me to judge as I'd be judged
if I were in his place;
the night is dark
and the way is long
on a road that has no end;
help me to help my neighbor;
help me to be his friend.

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Piano

Slowly

mf

The piano introduction consists of two staves in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The tempo is marked 'Slowly' and the dynamic is 'mf'.

Voice

with much expression

HELP ME TO HELP MY NEIGH-BOR, Help me to un-der - stand.

mp-mf

The first vocal phrase is set in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and expressive, with lyrics: 'HELP ME TO HELP MY NEIGH-BOR, Help me to un-der - stand.' The piano accompaniment supports the voice with chords and a steady bass line. Dynamics range from 'mp' to 'mf'.

Help me to hear the plead-ing of an out-stretched emp-ty hand.

The second vocal phrase continues the melody in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Help me to hear the plead-ing of an out-stretched emp-ty hand.' The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line with some chromatic movement.

Help me to do to oth - ers as I'd have them do to me.

The final vocal phrase is in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Help me to do to oth - ers as I'd have them do to me.' The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord and a melodic flourish in the right hand.



HELP ME TO HELP MY NEIGH-BOR what-ev-er his faith may be. Help me to see a

heav-y heart be-hind a smil-ing face. Help me to judge as I'd be judged if

Broadly

I were in his place. The night is dark and the way is long on a road that has no

end. HELP ME TO HELP MY NEIGH-BOR, Help me to be his friend. friend.

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