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Moderate lilt

Voice

Piano

mp

IF I WERE A RICH MAN, Dai-dle, dee-dle, dai-dle,

dig-guh, dig-guh, dee-dle, dai-dle, dum. All day long I'd bid-dy, bid-dy bum,

If I were a wealth-y man, Would-n't have to work hard, Dai-dle, dee-dle, dai-dle,

dig-guh, dig-guh, dee-dle, dai-dle, dum. If I were a

Chords: C, G7, Cm, F#dim, 8va

Cm D7(b9) G7 C (Tacet)

bid - dy, bid - dy rich, dig - guh, dig - guh, dee - dle dai - dle man, I'd build a

rall.

Quasi rubato

Fm Bb7 Ebmaj7 Bbm6 C7

big tall house with rooms by the doz - en, Right in the mid - dle of the town; A

Fm G7 C C7

fine tin roof with real wood - en floors be - low, There could be

Fm Bb7 Ebmaj7 Bbm6 C7

one long stair - case just go - ing up and one e - ven long - er com - ing down; And

Fm F#dim G7 C7

one more lead - ing no - where just for show. I'd fill my

rall.

F G7 C A7(b9)

yard with chicks and tur - keys and geese And ducks for the town to see and hear;

Dm7 G7 C C7

Squawk - ing just as nois - i - ly as they can, And each loud

Fm(imitate sounds) Bb7 Ebmaj7 Bbm6 C7

quack and cluck and gob - ble and honk Will land like a trum - pet on the ear; As

Fm F#dim G7 D.S. al ♩

if to say here lives a wealth - y man. (Sigh)

rall. D.S. al ♩

C (Tacet) Quasi rubato Fm Bb7

man, I see my wife, my Gold - e, look - ing like a rich man's

Ebmaj7 Bbm6 C7 Fm G7

wife with a prop - er dou - ble chin; Su - per - vis - ing meals to her heart's de -

C C7 Fm Bb7

light, I see her put - ting on airs and strut - ting like a pea - cock

Ebmaj7 Bbm6 C7 Fm F#dim

Oy! What a hap-py mood she's in, Scream-ing at the ser-vants day and

G7 Rubato C7

night, The most im-por-tant men in town will come to fawn on me;

rall.

Fm Fm7 Db Dbmaj7

They will ask me to ad-vice them, Like Sol-o-mon the wise, "If you

Bbm Bbm7 Bbm6 Bbm C7(b9)

please, Reb Tev-ye, par-don me, Reb Tev-ye," Pos-ing prob-lems that would cross a rab-bi's eyes.

Freely

Deliberately (in tempo)

Boi, boi, boi, boi, boi, boi, boi, boi, — And it won't make one bit of dif - f'rence

If I an-swer right or wrong? When you're rich, they think you real - ly

know. If I were rich, I'd have the time that I lack, To

rall. *p*

Reflective, lyrical, soft

sit in the syn-a-gogue and pray; And may be have a seat by the east - ern

C C7 Fm Bb7

wall, And I'd dis - cuss the ho - ly books with the learn - ed

Ebmaj7 Bbm6 C7 Fm F#dim

men sev - en ho - urs ev - 'ry day; This would be the sweet - est thing of

G C Tempo 1º

all, (Sigh) IF I WERE A RICH MAN, Dai - dle, dee - dle, dai - dle,

G7 Cm

dig - guh, dig - guh, dee - dle, dai - dle, dum, All day long I'd bid - dy, bid - dy bum,

D7(b9) *G7* *C*

If I were a wealth-y man, Would-n't have to work hard, Dai-dle, dee-dle, dai-dle

Sva

Rubato
G7 *Cm*

dig-guh, dig-guh, dee-dle, dai-dle, dum, Lord, who made the li-on and the lamb,

G7 *Cm* *G7* *Cm* *A7(b9)*

You de-creed I should be what I am; Would it spoil some vast e-ter-nal plan,

Sva *16* *Sva*

D7(b9) *C* *G7* *C*

If I were a wealth-y man? _____

Sva *a tempo* *Col Sva*