

TELL ME

Ballad-Fox Trot



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(Tell Me Why)

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Moderato

The first system of the piano introduction is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat major/D-flat minor). It begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth-note patterns and slurs, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes.

The second system continues the piano introduction. The right hand has a more active melodic line with slurs and accents. The left hand continues with a consistent accompaniment pattern. The system concludes with a few chords in the right hand and a sustained note in the left hand.

VAMP

The vamp section consists of two systems. The first system shows the vocal melody line with the lyrics "I've some ques-tions dear, Ev - 'ry time we meet". The piano accompaniment is in the key of B-flat major/D-flat minor. The second system continues the piano accompaniment, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

The final system contains the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has the lyrics "You can make them clear, My heart starts to beat,". The piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand.

For your answers I am yearning Like a school-boy
Sor - rows van-ish, cares go wing-ing, All a - round me

seek - ing learn-ing; Al - tho' I've searched in vain —
birds are sing - ing; And when we say good - bye —

With my might and main, All the know-ledge
Some - thing makes me sigh, Life grows wear - y,

learned at col - lege, Still that don't ex - plain. _____
days grow drear - y, Can you tell me why. _____

CHORUS

Tell me ——— why nights are lone - some, ———

p *f* *L.H. ad lib.*

Tell me ——— why days are blue, ———

Tell me ——— why all the sun - shine ——— Comes just at

one time, ——— when I'm with you; ———

rit.

Why do _____ I hate to go dear, _____

L.H. ad lib.

And hate _____ to say good - bye? _____ Now

some - how _____ it's al-ways so, dear, _____ And if you know, dear, _____

- please tell me why. _____ why. _____