

# IF I ONLY HAD A BRAIN

for 2-part voices and piano  
with optional SoundTrax CD\*

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Moderate soft shoe (♩ = ca. 120) (♩♩ = <sup>3</sup>♩)

PIANO

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked *mf*. It features a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords and single notes.

4 PART I *mf*  
Hey, what-cha do - in'?

PART II *mf*  
Nut- tin'.

Measures 4-6 show the vocal entries for Part I and Part II. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the introduction.

7 Nut- tin'. Hey, what-cha think - in' a - bout?

Hey, what-cha wait - in' for?

Measures 7-9 continue the vocal dialogue between Part I and Part II. The piano accompaniment remains consistent.

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What, nut - tin'? No, nut - tin! I could  
Nut - tin'. No, nut - tin! I could

13

while a - way the hours con - fer - rin' with the flow - ers, con -  
while a - way the hours con - fer - rin' with the flow - ers, con -

15

sult - in' with the rain. Hel - lo, rain! And my  
sult - in' with the rain. Hel - lo, flow - ers! And my

17

head, I'd be scratch - in' while my thoughts were bus - y hatch - in', if I

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19

Scratch head w/R 3X

on - ly had a brain. I'd un -

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21

rav - el ev - 'ry rid - dle for an - y in - di - vid - dle in

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23

React as if in pain 2X

trou - ble or in pain. Oo, ah! \_\_\_\_\_ With the

trou - ble or in pain. Oo, ah! \_\_\_\_\_ With the

25

thoughts I'd be think - in' I could be an - oth - er Lin - coln, if I

thoughts I'd be think - in' I could be an - oth - er Lin - coln, if I

27

Scratch head w/R 3X

29

on - ly had a brain. Oh, I \_\_\_\_\_ could tell you

on - ly had a brain. Oh, I \_\_\_\_\_

why the o - cean's near the shore. I could

— could tell you why the o - cean's near the shore.

think of things I nev - er think be - fore, and then I'd

Think of things I nev - er think be - fore,

sit and think some more. I would

and then I'd sit and think some more. I would



37

not be just a nuff-in', my head all full of stuff-in', my

not be just a nuff-in', my head all full of stuff-in', my

39

*Hold heart as if in pain 2X*

heart all full of pain. Oo, ah! And per -

heart all full of pain. Oo, ah! And per -

41

haps I'd de-serve you and be e-ven wor-thy erv you, if I

haps I'd de-serve you and be e-ven wor-thy erv you, if I

on - ly had a brain.

on - ly had a brain.

45 *Thigh hits*

R L R L R L R *clap*

*Thigh hits*

R L R L R L R *clap*

47

R L R L R L R *clap*

R L R L R L R *clap*

49 *Fold arms across chest and hit\**

hit hit hit up down *Fold arms and hit\**

hit hit hit up down

51 *Think R* *Think L**Brush palms across each other, making soft shoe sounds*

*mf*

R L R L R L R Oh,

R R L R L R

53

*mf*

I could tell you why the

Oh, I could tell you why the

\* With arms folded/crossed at chest, hit palms against opposite elbows 3X, then lift arms up and hit backs of hands together. Follow with one more elbow hit.



55

o - cean's near the shore. I could think of things I nev - er think be -

o - cean's near the shore. Think of things I

58

fore, and then I'd sit and think some

nev - er think be - fore, and then I'd sit and

60

61

more. I would not be just a nuff - in', my

think some more. I would not be just a nuff - in', my

62

head all full of stuff - in', my heart all full of pain.

head all full of stuff - in', my heart all full of pain.

64 *Hold heart as if in pain 2X*

Oo, ah! And per - haps I'd de - serve you and be

Oo, ah! And per - haps I'd de - serve you and be

66

e - ven wor - thy erv you, if I on - ly had a brain. If I

e - ven wor - thy erv you, if I on - ly had a brain. If I

69

*cresc.*

on - ly, if I on - ly, if I on - ly (my folks are

*cresc.*

on - ly, if I on - ly, if I on - ly (my folks are

*cresc.*

72

*f*

hop- in'!) had a brain!

*f*

hop- in'!) had a brain!

*f*

Swing and cross R foot over L Think R