

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

for S.A.B. voices and piano
with optional SoundPax and SoundTrax CD*

Performance time: approx. 4:15

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Gently, quietly (♩ = ca. 88)

PIANO

5 SOPRANO
ALTO
BARITONE

p

I got the call — to-day I did-n't want to hear, but I

7

knew that it — would come. —

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SoundTrax CD available (43352). Digital SoundPax available (DIGPX00007) - includes score and set of parts for
2 Synthesizers, Guitar, Bass, and Drumset.

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An old, — true friend of ours — was talk-in' on — the phone, — she said you

found some-one. — And I thought of all — the bad — luck and the

strug-gles we — went through, — and how I lost me — and

16

you lost you. — What are — these voic - es out -

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side love's — o - pen door, make us throw off our con - tent - ment and

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beg for some - thing more? — I'm learn - ing to live —

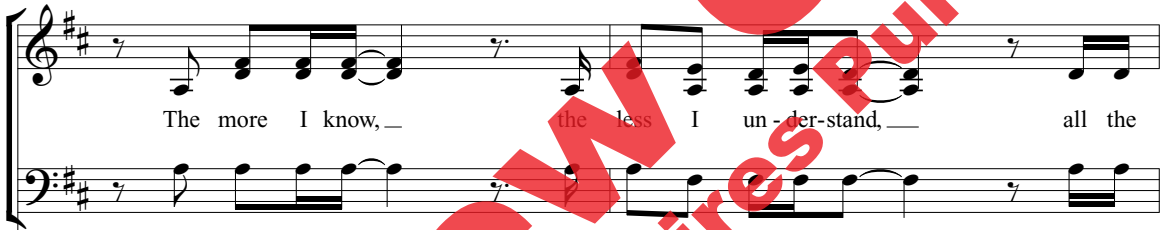
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— with - out — you now, — but I miss you some-times.



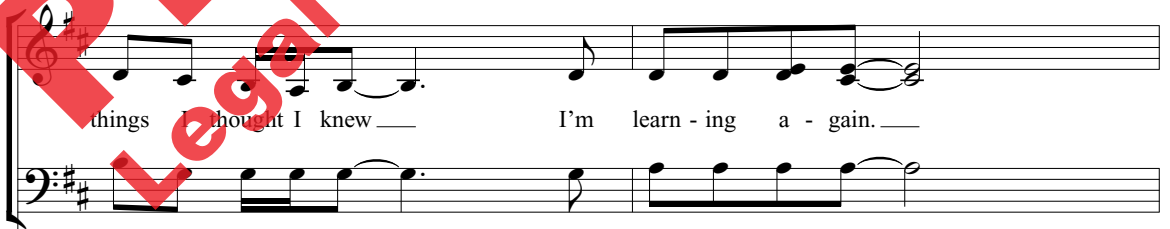
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The more I know, — the less I un - der-stand, — all the



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things I thought I knew — I'm learn - ing a - gain. —



29

I've been try - in' to get down to the heart of the mat - ter, but my

31

will gets weak — and my thoughts seem to scat - ter, but I think it's a -

33

bout for - give - ness, for - give - ness,

35

e - ven if, — e - ven if — you don't love — me an - y - more. —

37

Ah, these

41

times are so un - cer - tain, there's a yearn-ing un - de - fined, —

43

peo - ple filled with rage. —
mp
 We all

45

need a lit - tle ten - der-ness. How can love sur-vive in such a

47

The trust and self - as-sur - ance that
 49

grace - less age? —



50

lead to hap - pi - ness, — they're the ver - y things — we

52

kill, I guess. — Pride and com - pe - ti - tion can - not

54

fill these emp - ty arms and the work I put be - tween — us

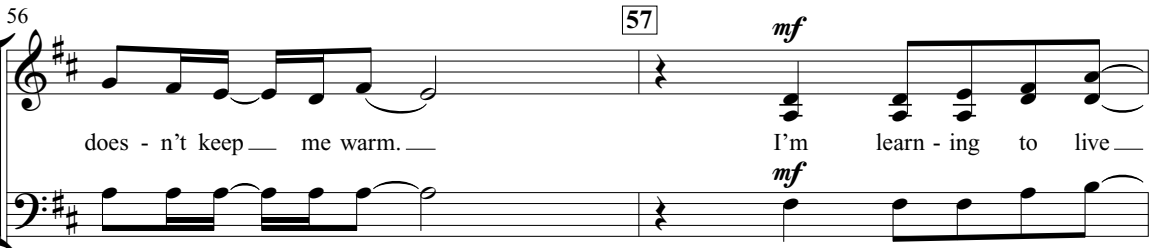
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56 57 *mf*

does - n't keep ___ me warm. ___ I'm learn - ing to live ___

mf



mf



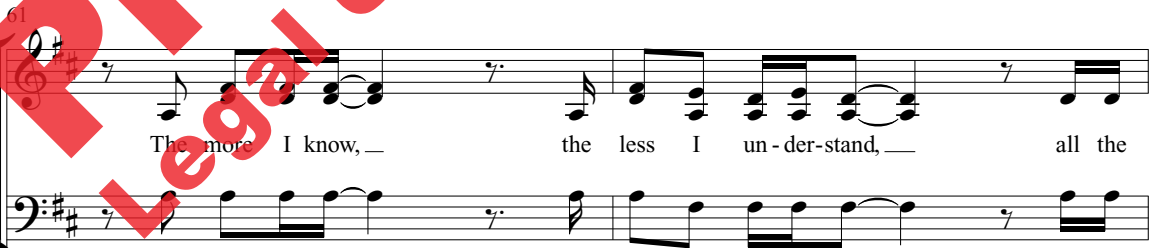
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___ with - out ___ you now, ___ but I miss you ba - by.



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The more I know, ___ the less I un - der - stand, ___ all the



63

things I thought I'd fig-ured out I'm learn-ing a-gain.

65

I've been try-in' to get down to the heart of the mat-ter, but

67

ev-ry-thing chang-es and my friends seem to scat-ter, but I think it's a-

69

bout for-give-ness, for-give-ness, e-ven if, e-ven if

72

you don't love me an-y-more. There are

crese.

75

peo-ple in your life who've come and gone, they

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77

let you down, — you know they've hurt your pride. —

Musical notation for measures 77-78, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Piano accompaniment for measures 77-78.

79

You bet-ter put it all be-hind you; 'cause — life goes on. You keep

Musical notation for measures 79-80, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Piano accompaniment for measures 79-80.

81

car-ry-in that an - ger, it-'ll eat you up — in-side. —

Musical notation for measures 81-82, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Piano accompaniment for measures 81-82.

84

*opt. SOLO**p*

I'm learn-ing to live ___ with-out ___ you now, ___ but I

87

*(end solo)**mp*

miss you some-times. The more I know, _ the less I un-der-stand, _

90

poco rit.

e - ven if ___ e - ven if ___ you don't love ___ me an - y-more. ___