## Wait

## from Driven — A New Song Cycle

Music and Lyrics by Joe Archer and Francesco Redica

#### About

Driven (2022) is a three-character song cycle about moving forward: whether it's blindly following your dreams, questioning which decision to make next, or feeling trapped in reminiscing the past — it's about searching for the answer. The songs form a one act show split into four distinct sections, tied together by original poetry written by Megan Heather Russell which creates a larger overarching narrative to the musical. Workshopped in 2019 at the East Sussex Academy of Music, where the composer and lyricist met as students, and featuring the draft of a storyline which would later be discarded to make way for a more non-linear song-cycle approach, the official premiere of the show took place at 54 Below, New York City, in August 2022.

#### In performance

'Wait' comes in the middle of the second section, roughly a third of the way through the show. We discover Jess reminiscing on her friends' successes whilst reminding herself that her time will one day come too. Approach this number from a contemporary musical theatre angle — keep your voice bright and forward while still connected to classical singing techniques.

In the two 'feels' of the song, the driving  $\frac{4}{4}$  and the flowing  $\frac{4}{5}$ , maintain a consistent and present tone while giving attention to the enunciation. Avoid taking nasality into the modern pop/rock realm, mix it, instead, with the clarity, timbre and quality of a chamber musical.

# Lyrics

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My friend got away, now her life's going OK, she's started that business she's crafted for years.

Sales are now booming, her dreams they are blooming, it seems it was worth all the blood, sweat and tears.

So, I stand unaccomplished but proud, whilst wishing for things my life has not allowed, but I'm not afraid, though I haven't made it I'm gonna.
All in good time...

Just wait, take a breath, close your eyes. Just wait, when that moment arrives you will see what you wished life could be, every dream that you dreamed will be yours, guaranteed, but for now, this is all I need.

My good friend from college, who lacked sense and knowledge, sent me a text saying: 'I'm moving to France!' Said 'I'm ready to go, I won big on the lotto, got over a million out of pure chance.'

Just wait, take a breath, close your eyes.
Just wait, when that moment arrives
you will see what you wished life could be,
every dream that you dreamed will be yours,
guaranteed, but for now, this is all I Need-less to say,

if you need me, I'll wait for you. I'll stay right here, I will not disappear; it's true.

But when you say that my life could be more than just charms, and you tell me the answer lies right in your arms, then you leave... and you tell me to wait.

So I wait, and I wait, for you.

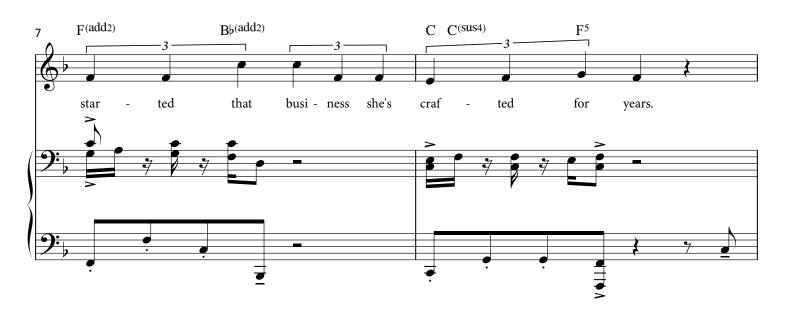
But after years, when you come back, I can promise you I won't be there and I'll tell you to wait, 'cause I'm done shedding tears, you can wait, I've worked all these years to achieve what I wished life could be, and every dream that I dreamed is all mine, so proceed 'cause for now this is al-right. Right now, this is all I need.

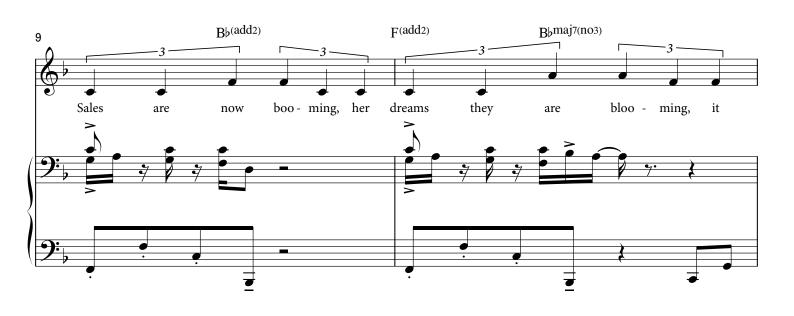
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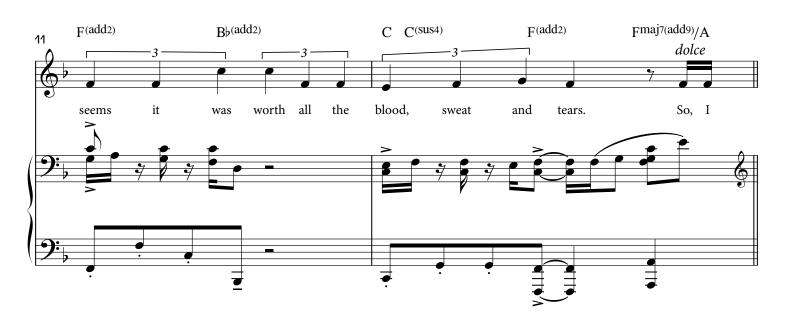
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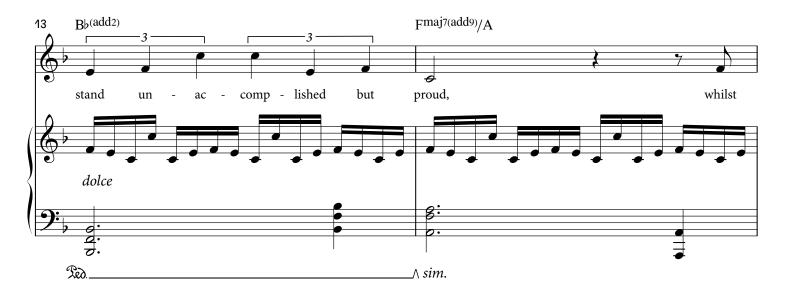
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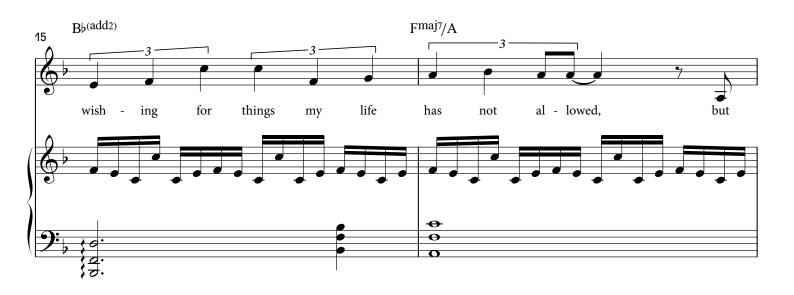


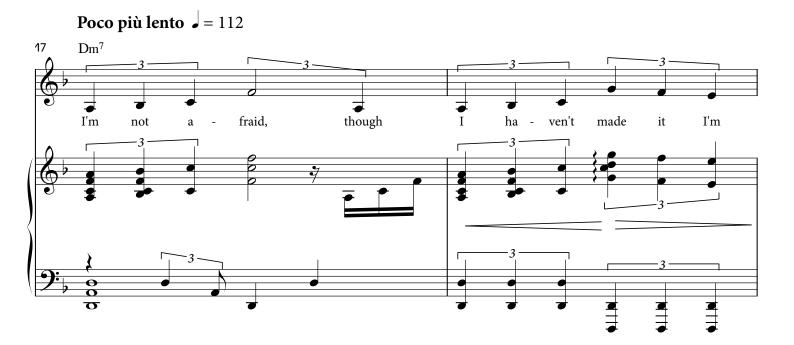


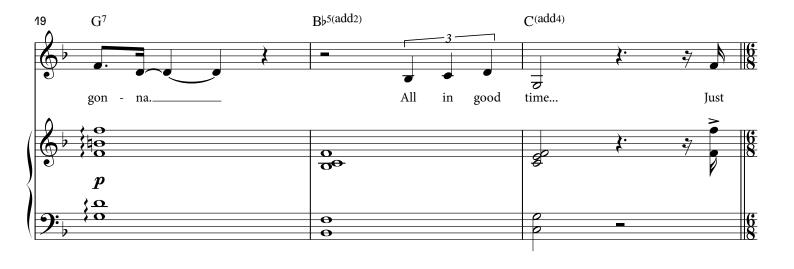


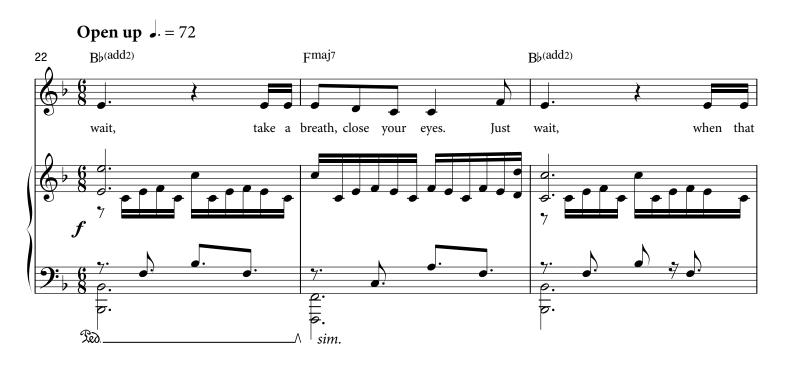


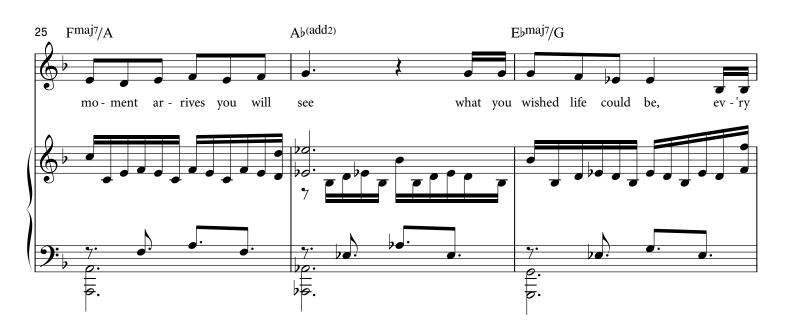


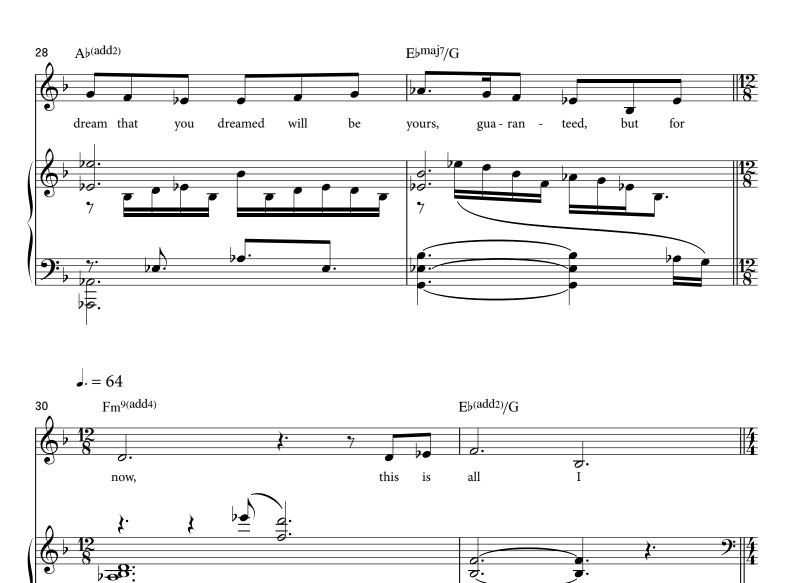


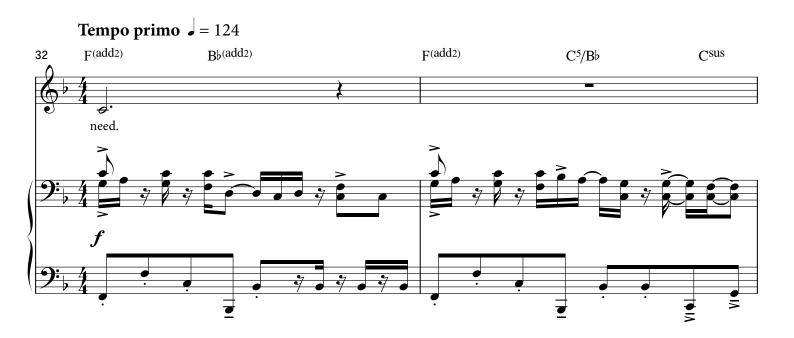




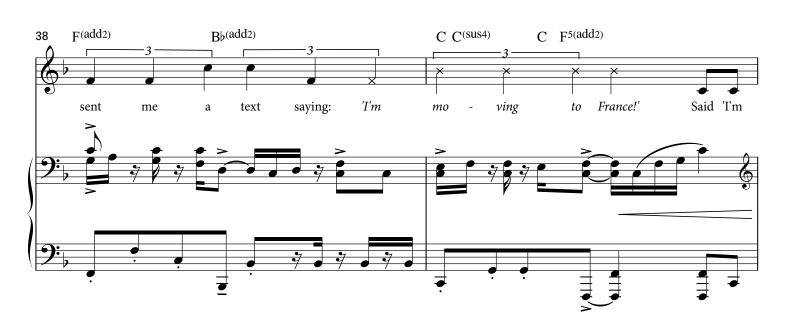


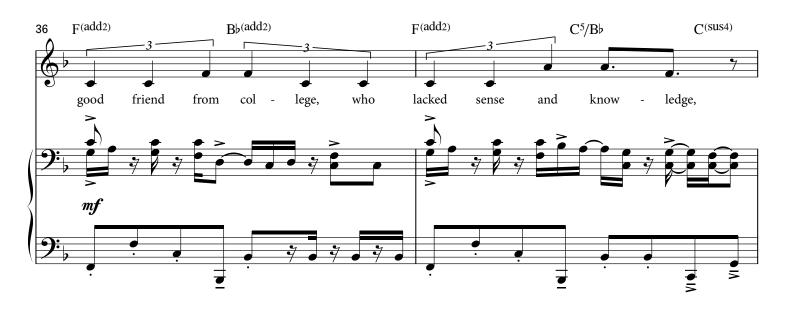


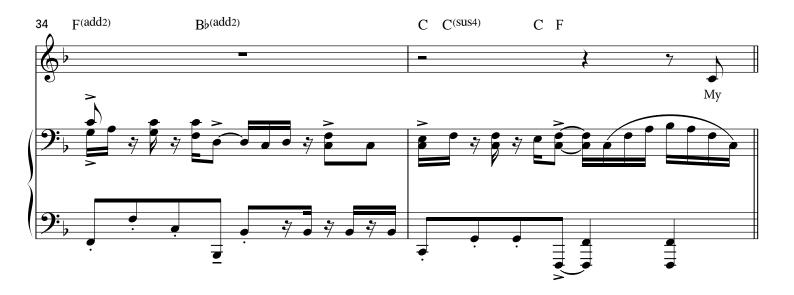


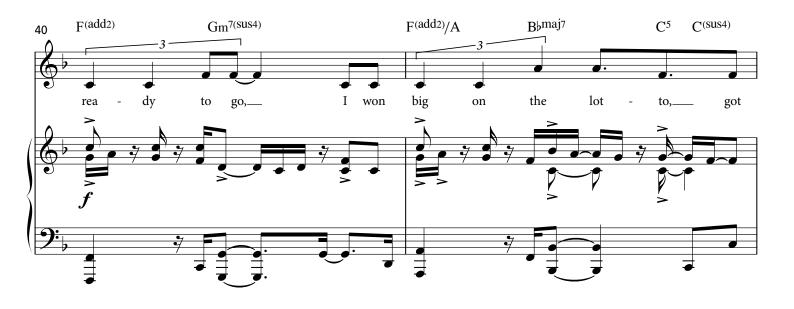


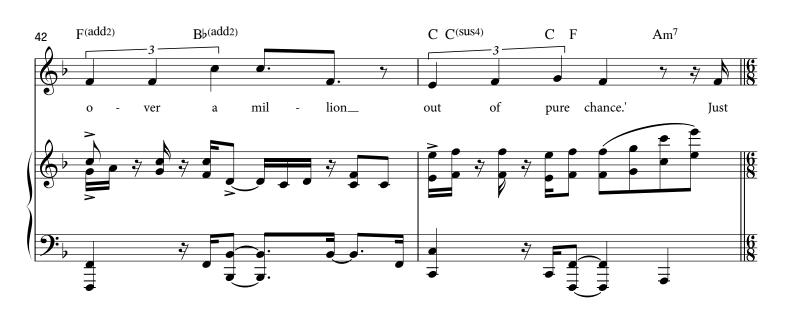
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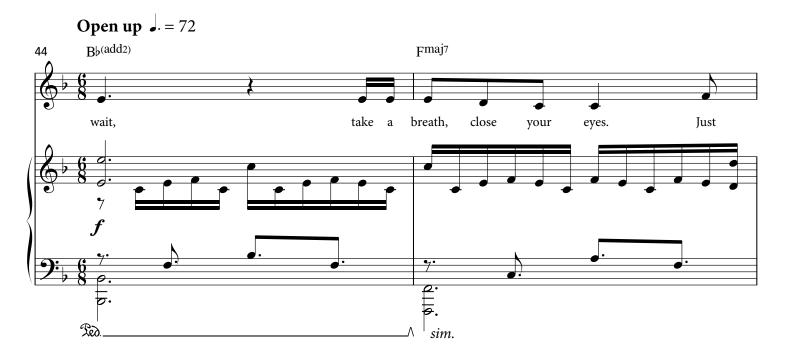


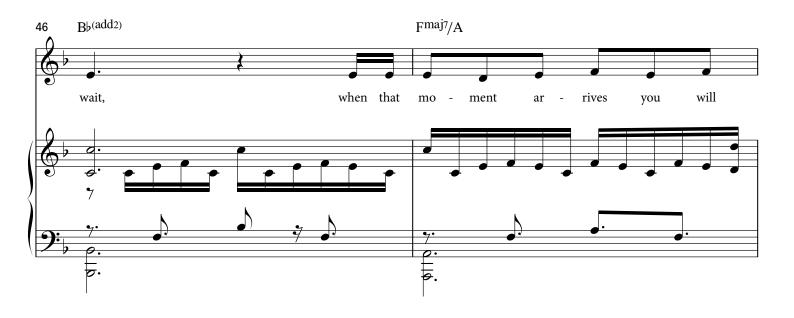


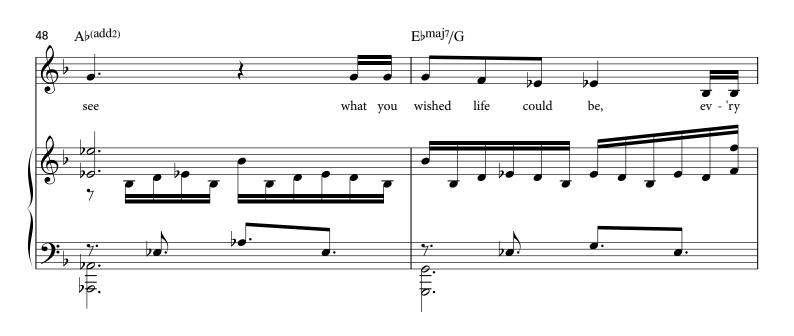


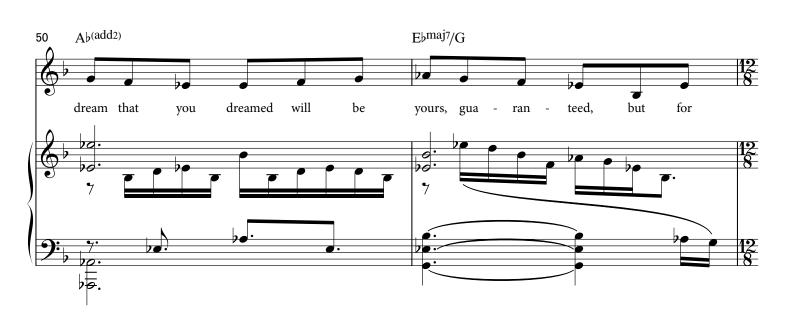




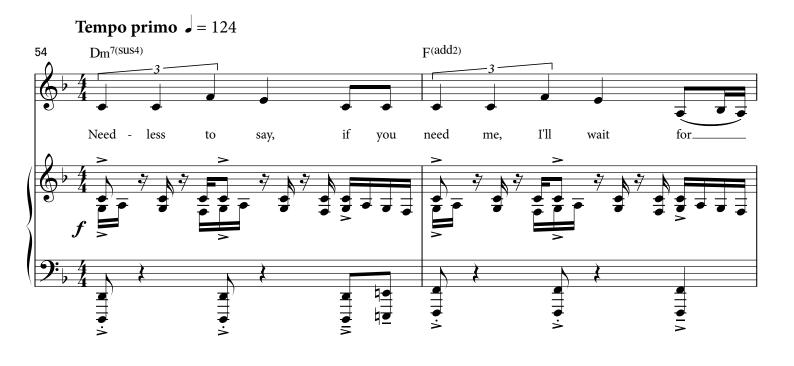


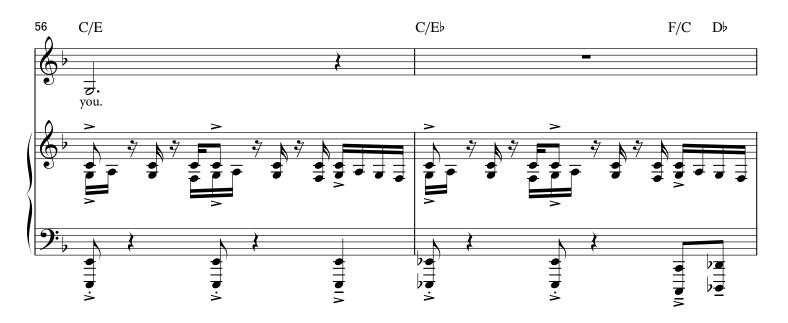


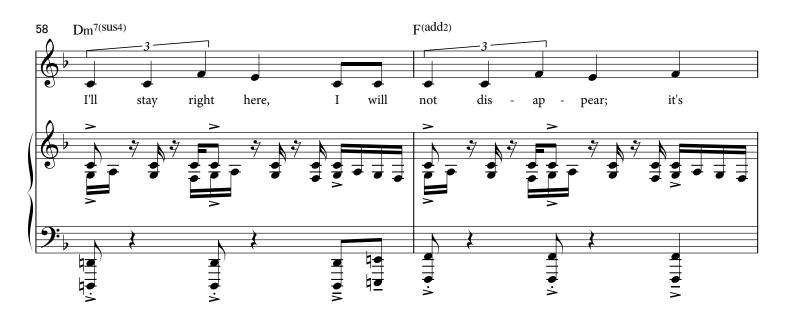


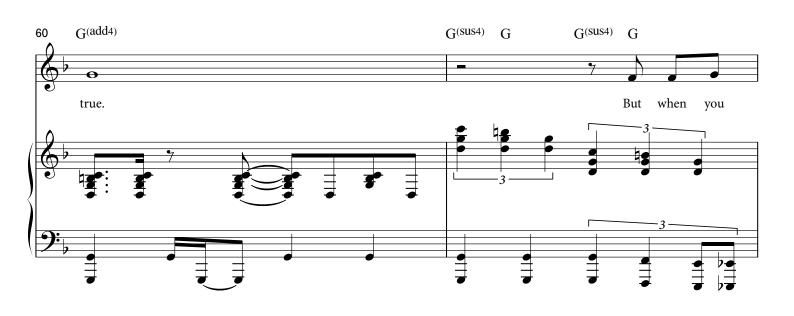


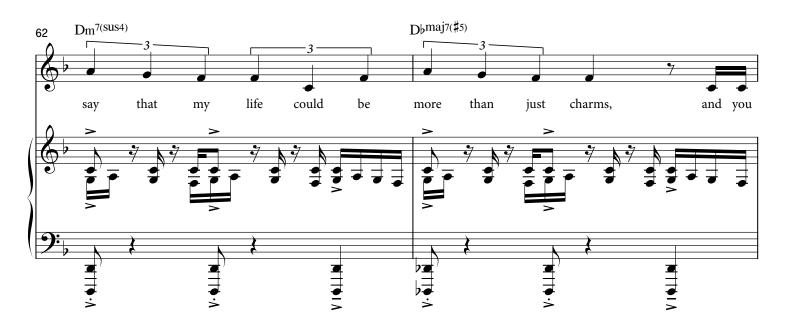


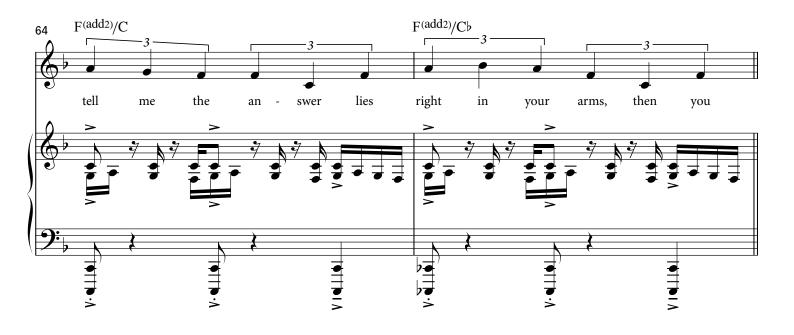


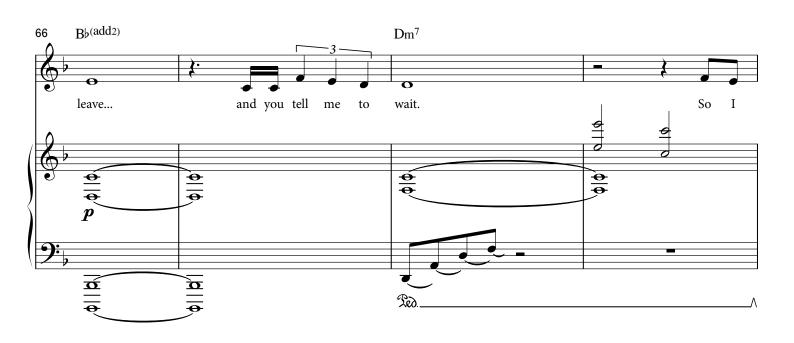


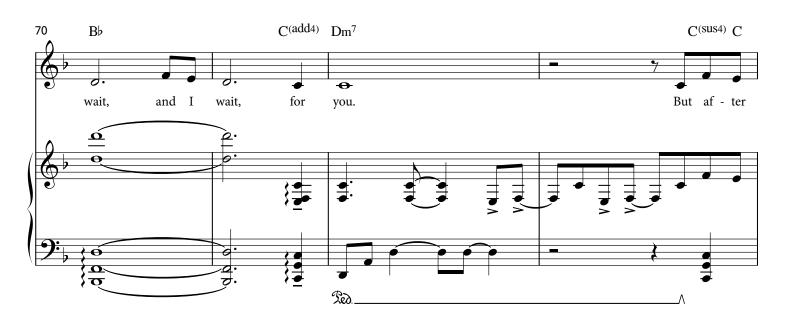














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