

# Killing me softly with his song

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(Arr. Maria Dunn, 2017)

Cm Ab B<sub>b</sub> Cm Ab E<sub>b</sub> Fm

Fl.

B. Cl.

Hp.

ad lib chord voicing but keep rhythm play in higher register of harp

8 G Cm Ab B<sub>b</sub> Fm

Fl.

B. Cl.

Hp.

13 A<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> B<sub>b</sub> C

Fl.

B. Cl.

Hp.

**A** Verse 1

18 Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub> Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub>

MW I heard he sang a good song, I heard he had a style, and so I came to see him to

Fl.

B. Cl.

Hp.

46

24

MW Cm Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> G  
lis-ten for a- while. And there he was this young boy, a stran-ger to my eyes.

B. Cl.

Hp. Cm Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> G

**B Chorus**

30

MW Cm A<sub>b</sub> B<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> Cm F  
Strum-ming my pain with his fin - gers, sing-ing my life with his words. Kill-ing me soft-ly with his song, kill-ing me soft

B. Cl.

Hp. Cm A<sub>b</sub> B<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> Cm F

36

MW B<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub> D<sub>b</sub>  
- ly with his song, tell-ing my whole life with his words kill-ing me soft - ly with his song.

B. Cl.

Hp. B<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub> D<sub>b</sub>

**C C**

42

MW C  
Fl.  
D. Rec.  
B. Cl.

Hp. C C Cm A<sub>b</sub> B<sub>b</sub> Fm

48

Fl.

D. Rec.

B. Cl.

Ab Eb Bb C

Hp.

**D Verse 2**

53 Fm<sup>7</sup> Bb Eb Ab Fm<sup>7</sup> Bb

MW I felt all flushed with fe - ver, em-bar-rassed by the crowd. I felt he found my let - ters and

S. Mmm Mmm

A. Mmm Mmm

Fl.

B. Cl.

Hp.

59 Cm Fm<sup>7</sup> Bb Eb G

MW read each one out loud. I prayed that he would fin - ish, but he just kept right on.

S. but he just kept right on.

A. but he just kept right on.

Fl.

B. Cl.

Hp.

48

**E Chorus**

65

MW Cm A♭ B♭ E♭ Cm

Strum-ming my pain with his fin - gers, sing-ing my life with his words. Kill-ing me soft - ly with his

S. Strum-ming my pain with his fin - gers, sing-ing my life with his words. Mmm

A. Strum-ming my pain with his fin - gers, sing-ing my life with his words. Mmm

Fl.

B. Cl.

Hp.

70

MW F B♭ A♭ E♭

— song, kill-ing me soft - ly with his song, tell-ing my whole life with his

S. ki-l ling me soft - ly Mmm ki-l ling me soft - ly Mmm

A. ki-l ling me soft - ly Mmm ki-l ling me soft - ly Mmm

Fl.

B. Cl.

Hp.

74

MW A♭ D♭ C

—words kill-ing me soft - ly with his song.

S. whole life kill-ing me soft - ly with his song.

A. whole life kill-ing me soft - ly with his song.

Fl.

D. Rec.

B. Cl.

Hp.

79 F Cm A♭ B♭ Eb Cm F B♭

Fl.

D. Rec.

B. Cl.

Hp.

86 A♭ E♭ A♭ D♭ C

Fl.

D. Rec.

B. Cl.

Hp.

**G** Verse 3

93

MW Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub> Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub>

He sang as if he knew me in all my dark de-spair. And then he looked right through me as

**pp**

S. Mmm Ooo Aah

A. Mmm Ooo Aah

M. Mmm Ooo Aah

Fl.

D. Rec.

B. Cl.

Hp.

99

Cm Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> G

if I was-n't there. But he\_was there this stran-ger, sing-ing clear and strong.

S. Mmm sing-ing clear and strong.

A. Mmm sing-ing clear and strong.

M. Mmm Ooo Aah

Fl.

D. Rec.

B. Cl.

Hp.

**H** Chorus

105

MW Cm Ab Bb Eb Cm

Strum-ming my pain with his fin - gers, sing-ing my life with his words. Kill-ing me soft - ly with his

S. Strum-ming my pain with his fin - gers, sing-ing my life with his words. Kill-ing me soft - ly with his

A. Strum-ming my pain sing-ing my life with his words Kill-ing me soft - ly with his

M. Strum-ming my pain sing-ing my life with his words Kill-ing me soft - ly with his

Fl.

D. Rec.

B. Cl.

Hp.

110

F Bb Ab Eb Ab

— song, kill-ing me soft - ly with his song, tell-ing my whole life with his words kill-ing me soft

S. — song, kill-ing me soft - ly with his song, tell-ing my whole life with his words kill-ing me soft

A. — song, kill-ing me soft - ly with his song, tell-ing my whole life with his words kill-ing me soft

M. — song, Aah Ooo kill-ing me soft

Fl.

D. Rec.

B. Cl.

Hp.

115 D<sub>b</sub> C I Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub>

MW - ly with his song. He sang as if he knew me

S. - ly with his song.

A. - ly kill-ing me soft - ly with his song.

M. - ly kill-ing me soft - ly with his song.

Fl.

D. Rec.

B. Cl.

Hp. Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub>

121 E<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub> Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub> C Cm

Fl.

B. Cl.

Hp. E<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub> Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub> C Cm