

Ticking

As Performed on the Album Caribou

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$\text{♩} = 84$

F C/F B \flat /F F

4 C/F B \flat /F F

6 C/F B \flat /F F C/F B \flat /F

9 F B \flat /F F

1. An extremely quiet child they called you in your school report

12 B♭/F F E♭/F B♭/F

15 F Am9

18 screaming up your drive Gm9

21 C/E B♭/D F

no - ti - fy your parents of the manner in which you died

24 B♭/F F B♭/F

At St. Patricks every Sunday Father Fletcher heard your sins

27 F B♭/F F

Oh he's unconcerned with competition

30 E♭+9/F B♭/F F

he never cares to win But

33 Am9 Gm9

blood stained a young hand that never held a gun

36

C/E B^b+9/D

and his a parents never thought of him as their troubled son

39 F F C/E Dm

Now you'll never get to heaven

42 Gm7 C7 F A7

Mama said re - member Mama said ticking ticking

45 Dm Gm9

Grow up straight and true blue run a - long to bed

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47 C C/B♭ C/A Gm9 F
hear it hear it ticking ticking

50 C/F B♭/F F C/F B♭/F
2. They had

53 F B♭/F F
you holed up in a downtown bar screamin' for a priest

56 B♭/F F
Some gook said his brain's just snapped

The musical score consists of four staves of music. Staff 1 (treble) has lyrics 'hear it' at measures 47-48, 'ticking' at 49-50, and '2. They had' at 50. Staff 2 (treble) has lyrics 'you holed up' at 53, 'in a downtown' at 54, 'bar' at 55, and 'screamin' for a priest' at 56. Staff 3 (bass) has lyrics 'Some' at 56, 'gook said' at 57, and 'his brain's just snapped' at 58. Staff 4 (bass) provides harmonic support throughout. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, C/B♭, C/A, Gm9, F, C/F, B♭/F, F, B♭/F, F, B♭/F, and F.

58 E♭ +9/F B♭/F F
then some - one called the police

60 Am9
You'd knifed a negro wait - er who had tried

62 Gm7sus4
to calm you down Oh you'd

65 C/E B♭ +9/D F
pulled a gun and told them all to lay still on the ground

68 B♭ /F F Promising to hurt no one

70 B♭ /F F provi - ding they were still

72 B♭ /F F A young man tried to make a break

74 E♭ +9/F B♭ /F F with tear filled eyes you killed

76 F Am7sus4
That gun butt felt so smooth and

78 Gm9
warm cra - dled in your palm Oh your child -

81 C/E B^b/D
hood cried out in your head they mean to do you harm

83 F F C/E Dm7
Don't ever ride on the devil's knee

86 Gm7 Gm7/C C7 Gm7/C C7/E

Ma - ma said Re - member Ma - ma said

88 F A Dm Pay your penance well my child

ticking ticking

90 Gm7 C C/B^b C/A Gm7

Fear where angels tread hear it hear it ticking

93 F C/F B^b/F F

ticking

96 C/F B[♭]/F F
 3. Within an hour the news had reached

98 B[♭]/F F
 the me - di - a ma - chine

100 B[♭]+9/F F
 A male cauca - si - an with a gun

102 E[♭]/F B[♭]/F F
 had gone beserk in Queens

104 F Am9
The ar - e - a had been sealed off the kids

106 Gm9
sent home from school

109 C/E B♭ +9/D F
Fourteen people lyin' dead in a bar they call the Kickin' Mule

112 B♭ /F F
Oh they pleaded to your san - i - ty

114 B♭ +9/F F

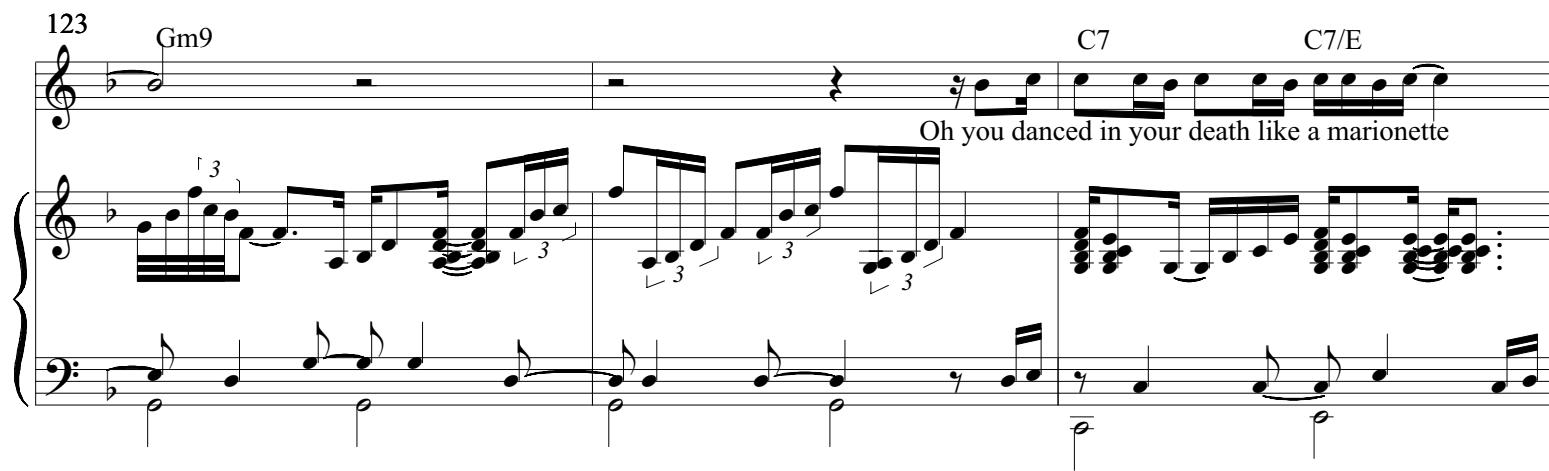
116 B♭/F F+9 B♭/F E♭/F B♭/F

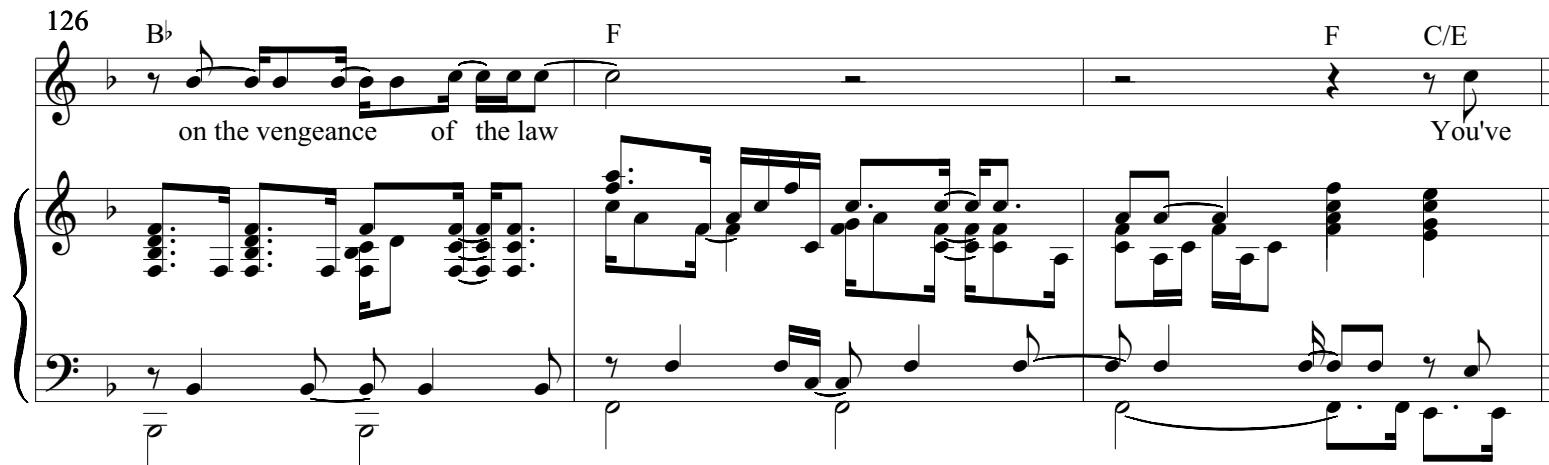
Throw out your gun, walk out slow just keep your hands held

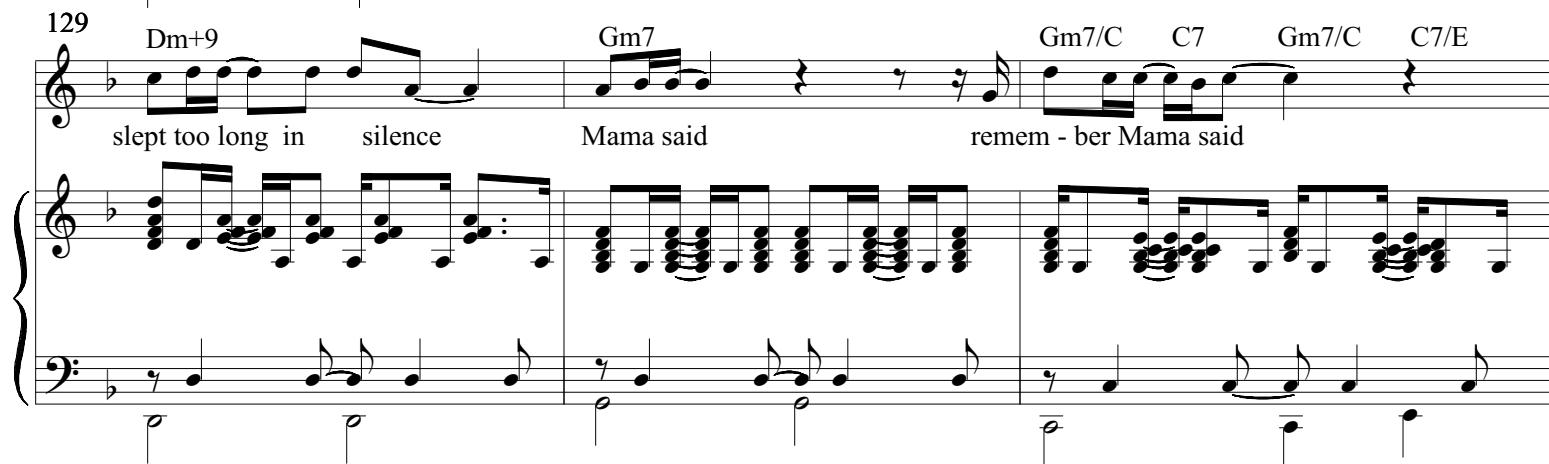
119 F high But they

121 Am7sus4

pumped you full of ri - fle shells as you stepped out the door

123 Gm9 C7 C7/E


126 B♭ F F C/E


129 Dm9 Gm7 Gm7/C C7 Gm7/C C7/E


132 F A7 Dm Gm9


135 C C/B[♭] C/A Gm7 F
Hear it hear it ticking ticking

138 C/F B[♭]/F F C/F B[♭]/F
8vb

141 F C/F B[♭]/F
8vb

143 F C/F B[♭]/F F
8vb