

If I Had My Way

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(as sung by the Houston Tidelanders)
(adapted from a recording by Linda Eder)

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Tenor Lead

1 Long a-go and far a-way be-fore the world had come to

Bari Bass

5 this I took for grant-ed how my life would be as-sum-ing that my free-dom would be

9 free be-fore the eve-ning sha-dows fell I re-veled in the light of

14 day. I rare-ly ev-er cried my pa-tience was-n't tried and he-ros ne-ver died.

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18. 19. 20. 21.

But if I had my way things would be diff-'rent Dan-ger would-n't come from a sky of

oo

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of musical notation, measures 18 through 21. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The melody in the treble staff includes a fermata over measure 18 and a double bar line at the end of measure 21. The lyrics are: "But if I had my way things would be diff-'rent Dan-ger would-n't come from a sky of". A vocal ornament "oo" is written above the first note of measure 19.

22. 23. 24.

blue. blue Choi - ces would be clear, stran - gers would be kind - er Love a lit-tle

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of musical notation, measures 22 through 24. It features a treble and bass staff in G major and 8/8 time. The melody in the treble staff includes a fermata over measure 22 and a double bar line at the end of measure 24. The lyrics are: "blue. blue Choi - ces would be clear, stran - gers would be kind - er Love a lit-tle".

25. 26. 27. 28.

blind - er as it saved the day day If I had my way. (my way) E - vry now and

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of musical notation, measures 25 through 28. It features a treble and bass staff in G major and 8/8 time. The melody in the treble staff includes a fermata over measure 25 and a double bar line at the end of measure 28. The lyrics are: "blind - er as it saved the day day If I had my way. (my way) E - vry now and".

29. 30. 31. 32.

then it seems we live our lives to such ex - tremes fa - cing all a -

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of musical notation, measures 29 through 32. It features a treble and bass staff in G major and 8/8 time. The melody in the treble staff includes a fermata over measure 29 and a double bar line at the end of measure 32. The lyrics are: "then it seems we live our lives to such ex - tremes fa - cing all a -".

33. 34. 35. 36.

round (round) ne - ver home - ward bound lo - sing what we found. But if I had my

oo

Detailed description: This block contains the fifth system of musical notation, measures 33 through 36. It features a treble and bass staff in G major and 8/8 time. The melody in the treble staff includes a fermata over measure 33 and a double bar line at the end of measure 36. The lyrics are: "round (round) ne - ver home - ward bound lo - sing what we found. But if I had my". A vocal ornament "oo" is written above the first note of measure 36.

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37 38 39 40 //

way things would be diff-'rent No one would be - lieve that a lie was true true Choi - ces would be

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41 42 43

clear wis - dom would be heed - ed warn - ings ne - ver need - ed this is what I'd

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Interlude

44 45 46 47

pray If I had my way. (my way) dm The milk of hu - man kind - ness dm dm dm

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48 49 50

dm would seek us out and find us dm and co - lor all the words we say

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51 52 53 54

And hearts would come a - live in - stead of break - ing No one would be - lieve that a lie was

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55 true. An - gels would ap - pear 56 chil - dren would be cher - ished 57 Hope would ne - ver

Musical notation for measures 55-57, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

58 pe - rish 59 faith would not be - tray 60 If I had my way. 61 (Be - fore the world had

Musical notation for measures 58-61, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

62 come to this) 63 (Long a - go and) 64 (far a - way) 65 66

Musical notation for measures 62-66, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.