

MARIA

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Slowly and freely

Spoken: Maria . . .

Piano introduction for 'Maria'. The music is in C minor, 4/4 time, and is marked 'Slowly and freely'. It begins with a piano (p) dynamic. The melody is in the right hand, featuring a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with a bass line of eighth and quarter notes. A key signature change to B-flat major is indicated by a 'b' in a circle in the second measure.

Chord diagrams for the first system of the piano accompaniment:

- Cm: C minor triad (C, E-flat, G)
- Cm7: C minor 7th chord (C, E-flat, G, B-flat)
- Ab: A-flat major triad (A-flat, C, E-flat)
- Cm: C minor triad (C, E-flat, G)
- Db/F: D-flat major triad (D-flat, F, A-flat)

Sung: The most beau - ti - ful sound I ev - er heard:

Ma -

First line of the song. The vocal melody is in the treble clef, starting on a whole note 'Ma' and followed by a triplet of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef, featuring a steady eighth-note pattern. The dynamic is marked 'p' (piano).

Chord diagram for the second system of the piano accompaniment:

- Gb6: G-flat major 6th chord (G-flat, B-flat, D-flat, F, A-flat, C)

Eb7/G

Chord diagram for the second system of the piano accompaniment:

- Ab: A-flat major triad (A-flat, C, E-flat)

- ri - a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri - a.

Second line of the song. The vocal melody continues with the words 'ri - a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri - a.' The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note pattern. The dynamic is marked 'p' (piano).

Chord diagrams for the third system of the piano accompaniment:

- Cm: C minor triad (C, E-flat, G)
- Cm7: C minor 7th chord (C, E-flat, G, B-flat)
- Ab: A-flat major triad (A-flat, C, E-flat)
- Cm: C minor triad (C, E-flat, G)
- Db/F: D-flat major triad (D-flat, F, A-flat)

All the beau - ti - ful sounds of the world in a sin - gle word:

Ma -

Third line of the song. The vocal melody continues with the words 'All the beau - ti - ful sounds of the world in a sin - gle word:'. The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note pattern. The dynamic is marked 'p' (piano).

 *cresc.*   *rall.*

- ri - a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri - a. Ma -

cresc. *rall.*

CHORUS
Moderately (warmly)

 *mf* 

- ri - a, I've just met a girl named Ma - ri - a, And

mf

   

sud - den - ly that name will nev - er be the same to me. Ma -

  *mf*

- ri - a! I've just kissed a girl named Ma - ri - a, And

Am Em Am Em Bm

f

sud - den - ly I've found How won - der - ful a sound can be! Ma -

f

F Em

- ri - a! Say it loud and there's mu - sic play - ing. Say it

p *pp*

Gm D Bb9

soft and it's al - most like pray - ing. Ma - ri - a, I'll

tenderly

Fm/G C

Short version
rall.

pp *Slowly*

nev - er stop say - ing, "Ma - ri - a".

rall. e dim. *pp* *ppp*

Fm/G



Extended version

rall.



nev - er stop say - ing, "Ma - ri - a". *f* Ma -

rall. *cresc.*



- ri - a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri -

f



- a, Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri -

p *cresc.*

cresc.



- a, Ma ri - a, Ma -

f *ff*




- ri - a, Say it loud and there's mu - sic play - ing. Say it





soft and it's al - most like pray - ing. Ma - ri - a, I'll




nev - er stop say - ing, "Ma - ri - a,"





The most beau - ti - ful sound I ev - er heard: Ma - ri - a.

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