

13. Gus The Theatre Cat

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Text by T.S. Eliot

mf *D(add9)*

The piano introduction is in 3/8 time, key of D major. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody starts with a quarter note D4, followed by eighth notes E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, and C5. The bass line consists of a series of eighth notes: D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2, and D2. The piece ends with a final chord of D major.

A *Colla voce*
JELLYLORUM

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Gus is the cat at the the - a - tre door. His

Gmaj7 *D/F#* *F#7* *Bm*

mp *Flowing*

The vocal melody for the first line of the song is in 3/8 time. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The chords are G major 7, D/F#, F#7, and B minor.

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name, as I ought to have told you be - fore, is

Em7 *A7* *D(sus2)* *D*

The vocal melody continues with the notes: B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line and chords: E minor 7, A7, D(sus2), and D.

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real - ly Asp - ar - a - gus, but that's such a fuss to pro -

Gmaj7 *D/F#* *F#7* *Bm*

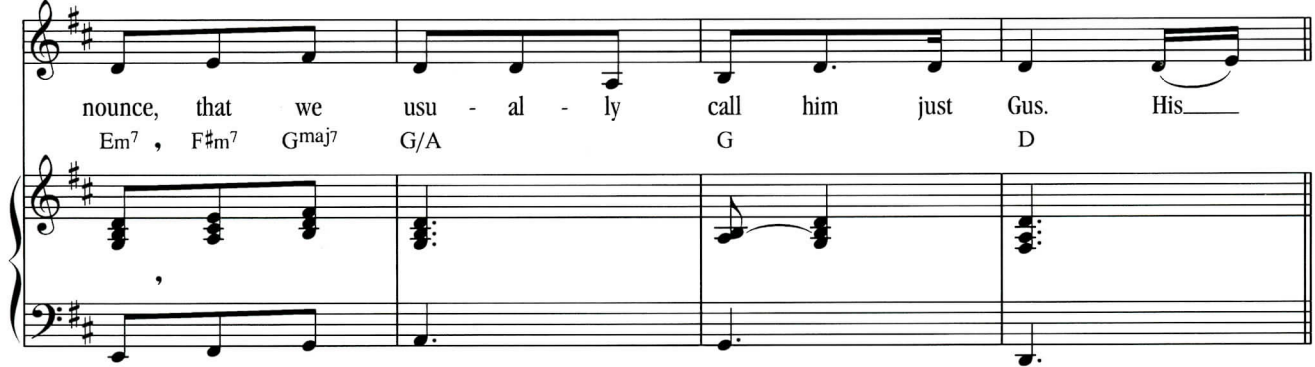
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Tempo

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nounce, that we usu - al - ly call him just Gus. His

Em⁷ , F#m⁷ Gmaj⁷ G/A G D

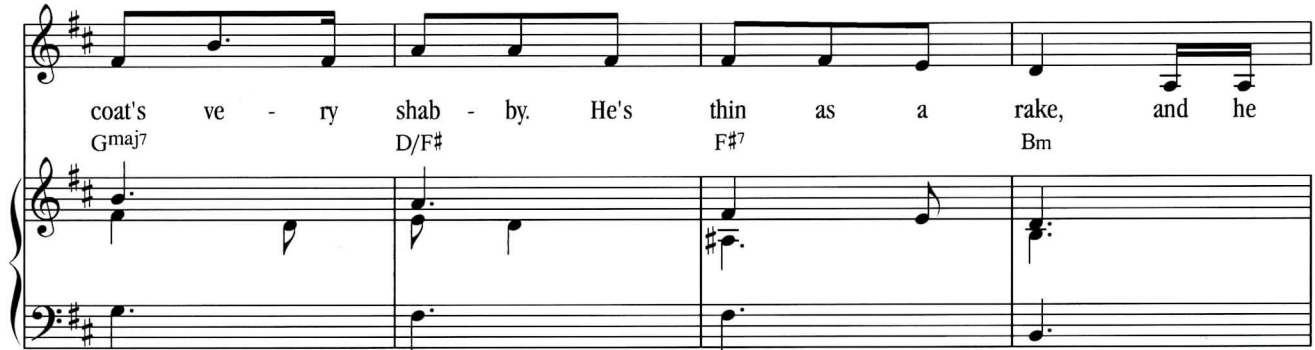


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B

coat's ve - ry shab - by. He's thin as a rake, and he

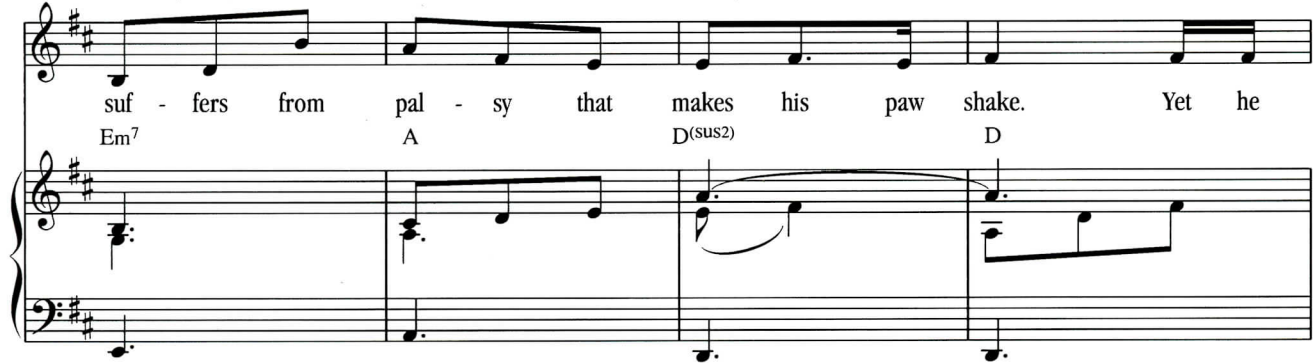
Gmaj⁷ D/F# F#⁷ Bm



25

suf - fers from pal - sy that makes his paw shake. Yet he

Em⁷ A D(sus2) D



29

was in his youth, quite the smart - est of cats, but no

Gmaj⁷ D/F# F#⁷ Bm



33

long - er a ter - ror to mice and to rats. For he

Em⁷ F#m⁷ Gmaj⁷ G/A G D

37

C

is - n't the cat that he was in his prime; though his

G D/F# Em⁷ D/F#

41

name was quite fam - ous, he says, in his time. And when -

G D/F# F#⁷ Bm

45

D

ev - er he joins his friends at their club (which takes

G D/F# Em D/F#

49

place at the back of the neigh - bour - ing pub) he

G D/F# F#7 Bm

53

E

loves to re - gale them, if some - one else pays, with

Em A D(sus2) D

57

an - ec - dotes drawn from his palm - i - est days. For he

Em A D(sus2) D

61

F

once was a star of the high - est de - gree. He has

G D/F# Em D/F#

65

act - ed with Irv - ing, he's act - ed with Tree. And he

G D/F# F#7 Bm

69 **G**

likes to re - late his succ - ess on the halls, where the

G D/F# Em D/F#

73

gall - er - y once gave him sev - en cat calls. But his

G D/F# F#7 Bm

77 **H** **Rubato**

grand - est cre - at - ion as he loves to tell was

Em7 F#m7 Gmaj7 G/A Bm

81

Fire - fro - fid - dle the Fiend of the Fell.

Em⁷ F#m⁷ Gmaj⁷ G/A C(sus2) G

85

GUS

"I have

D(add9)

f

89

I Slower

played in my time ev - ery poss - i - ble part, and I

Gmaj⁷ D/F# F#⁷ Bm

mp

93

used to know sev - en - ty spee - ches by heart. I'd ex -

Em A D(sus2) D

97

temp - or - ize back - chat. I knew how to gag, and I

Gmaj7 D/F# F#7 Bm

101

knew how to let the cat out of the bag. I

Em7 F#m7 Gmaj7 G/A G D

105

J

knew how to act with my back and my tail; with an

Gmaj7 D/F# F#7 Bm

109

hour of re - hear - sal, I nev - er could fail. I'd a

Em A D(sus2) D

113

voice that would soft - en the hard - est of hearts, wheth - er

Chords: Gmaj7, D/F#, F#7, Bm

Measure 113: Treble clef, key of D major, 4/4 time. Notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 114: Treble clef: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 115: Treble clef: B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 116: Treble clef: C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half).

117

I took the lead, or in char - act - er parts. I have

Chords: Em7, F#m7, Gmaj7, G/A, G, D

Measure 117: Treble clef: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 118: Treble clef: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 119: Treble clef: B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 120: Treble clef: C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half).

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121

sat by the bed - side of poor lit - tle Nell, when the

Chords: G, D, Em/D, D

Measure 121: Treble clef: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 122: Treble clef: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 123: Treble clef: B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 124: Treble clef: C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half).

125

cur - few was rung then I swung on the bell. In the

Chords: G, D/F#, F#7, Bm

Measure 125: Treble clef: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 126: Treble clef: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 127: Treble clef: B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half). Measure 128: Treble clef: C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Bass clef: G2 (half), B1 (half).

129 **L** **Faster**

pant - o - mime sea - son I nev - er fell flat, and I

G D/F# Em D/F#

mf

133

once und - er - stud - ied Dick Whitt - ing - ton's cat. But my

G D/F# F#7 Bm

137

M **A Tempo**

grand - est cre - a - tion, as hist - ory will tell, was

Em7 F#m7 Gmaj7 G/A Bm Bm

141 **rall.**

Fire - fro - fid - dle, the Fiend of the Fell."

Em7 F#m7 Gmaj7 G/A C(sus2) G

mf *f*

145 JELLYLORUM

Then, if

f

149 **N** Più mosso

some - one will give him a tooth - ful of gin, he will

D C#/A D

p

153

tell how he once played a part in "East Lynne." At a

Em⁷ A⁷ D

157

Shakes-peare per - form - ance he once walked on pat, when some

D C#/A D

161 **rall.** GUS

act - or sug - gest - ed the need for a cat. "And I

Bm A E⁷ A

165 **O** **Meno mosso**

say now these kit - tens, they do not get trained as we

G D/F# Em D/F#

p

169

did in the days when Vic - tor - i - a reigned. They

G D/F# F#⁷ Bm

173 **P**

nev - er get drilled in a reg - u - lar troupe, and they

G D/F# Em D/F#

177 *poco rit.* JELLYLORUM

think they are smart just to jump through a hoop." And he

G D/F# F#7 Bm

181 **Q** GUS

says as he scratch - es him - self with his claws, "Well the

Em7 A D(sus2) D

185 *poco rall.*

the - atre is cert - ain - ly not what it was. These

Em7 A D(sus2) D

189 **R**

mod - ern pro - duc - tions are all ve - ry well, but there's

G D/F# Em D/F#

mf

193

noth - ing to e - qual, from what I hear tell, that

G D/F# F#7 Bm

197

S Slower
pp

mom - ent of mys - te - ry when I made his - tor - y as

Em7 F#m9 Gmaj7 G/A Bm

pp

201

Fire - fro - fid - dle the Fiend of the Fell."

G F#m7 Em7 G/A C(sus2) G

205

poco rall.

APPLAUSE

mp

209

GUS
I

213

T

once crossed the stage on a tel - e - graph wire to

Gmaj7 D/F# F# Bm/F#

217

res - cue a child when a house was on fire. And I

Em7 A7 D(sus2) D

p

221

think that I still can much bet - ter than most pro - duce

Gmaj7 D/F# F#7 Bm

225

blood curd - ling nois - es to bring on the ghost. And I

Em7 F#m Gmaj7 G/A G D //

GUS: "Miaow" //

229

once played Growl - tig - er, could do it a - gain. Could

G D/F# Em7 D/F#

U

233

do it a - gain. Could do it a - gain.

G D/F# Em D/F#

segue