

I STARTED A JOKE

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



Moderately slow, in 2

Tacet


The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, which is silent due to the 'Tacet' instruction. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in 2/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a bass clef. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.





The second system includes guitar chord diagrams for G (x000), Bm, C (000), and D (0). The lyrics are: "I start - ed a joke which start - ed the whole world". The musical notation includes triplets of eighth notes in the vocal line and piano accompaniment.

The third system includes guitar chord diagrams for G (x000), Bm, C (000), and D (0). The lyrics are: "cry - ing, but I did - n't". The musical notation continues with triplets and piano accompaniment.


G  Bm  C  D 





see that the joke was on



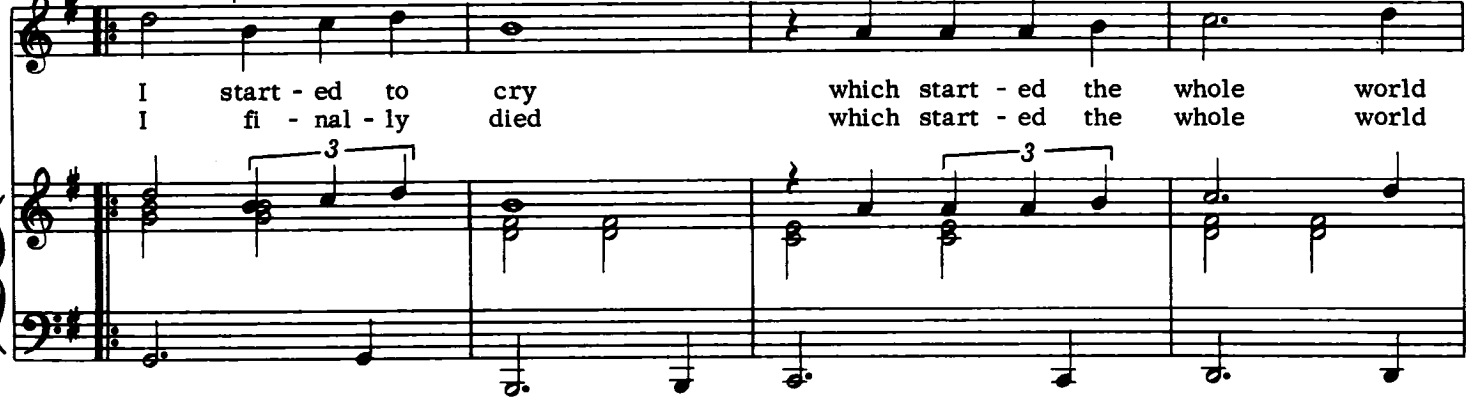
G  Bm  C  D 





me, oh, no.




G  Bm  C  D 

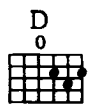
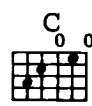
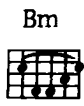
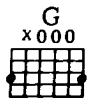
I start - ed to cry which start - ed the whole world
I fi - nal - ly died which start - ed the whole world



G  Bm  C  D 

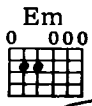
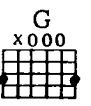
laugh - ing; }
liv - ing; } oh, if I'd on - ly





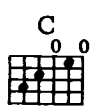
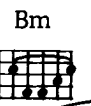
To Coda

seen that the joke was on

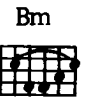
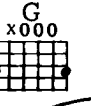


me. I looked at the

cresc. *f*



skies, run - ning my hands o - ver my



eyes; and I fell out of

Em
0 000

Em/D
0 000

Am
0 0 0

D
0

1.

bed, hurt - ing my head from things that I said. Till

2. D. S. $\frac{3}{4}$ (lyric 2) al Coda

Coda

G
x000

Bm

C
0 0 0

Till me, oh, no, that the

mf

gradual cresc.

D
0

G
x000

Bm

C
0 0 0

D
0

joke was on me,

G
x000

Bm

C
0 0 0

D
0

G
x000

oh.

f