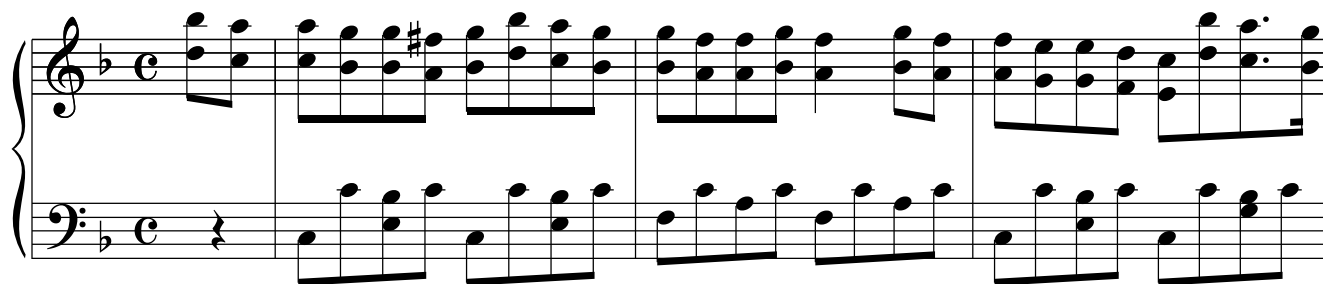


# Oh! Tell Me of My Mother

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**Poco Adagio, con espressione**



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C7 F

1. Tell me, tell me, gen-tle la - dy, Ma - ny things I'd love to know, Of my  
2. Tell me, tell me, of my moth - er! Is she roam - ing in the skies? I've been

The first system of the song features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a four-measure rest, then enters with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand. Chord symbols C7 and F are placed above the vocal line at measures 4 and 5 respectively.

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C7 F

dear and ten - der moth - er Who de - par - ted long a - go. While she  
dream - ing all a - bout her, And a - woke with tear - ful eyes. She was

The second system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the first system. Chord symbols C7 and F are placed above the vocal line at measures 7 and 8 respectively.

## Oh! Tell Me of My Mother

9 C7 F

moved a - mong the liv - ing Were the days all bright and fair? Did she  
bend - ing o'er my pil - low In a deep and earn - est prayer, And her

11 C7 F D $\flat$  F/C C7 F

dwell in hap - py sun - light Or in dark clouds of care? Was she  
voice was like the breath - ing Of the soft sum - mer air. Is the

*ad lib.*

13 F C F C7 F Dm B $\flat$

beau - ti - ful like thee, With thy voice of mel - o - dy? Did she love and cher - sh me? Oh!  
world so full of pain That she will not come a - gain, Like a sun - beam on the rain? Oh!

*a tempo*

16 A7 Dm C7/E F

tell me of my moth - er! Gen - tle la - dy, let me know, While she  
tell me of my moth - er! Does she know I'm here a - lone While my

*ad lib.* *a tempo*

18 A7/C# Dm Bb B dim7

jour - neyed here be - low, Was the world her friend or foe? Oh!  
ear - ly friends have gone And my dear - est mem - 'ries flown? Oh!

*a tempo*

20 C7 F

tell me of my moth - er.  
tell me of my moth - er.

*rit.* *a tempo*