

I Could Live in a Desert If Only with Thee

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Andantino con moto

Piano introduction in E-flat major, 3/4 time, 4 measures. The right hand features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

First vocal entry and piano accompaniment, measures 6-11. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in measure 6, followed by the melody in measures 7-11. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth-note patterns. A repeat sign appears at the end of measure 11.

E_b

I could live in a
I could live in a

Second vocal entry and piano accompaniment, measures 12-16. The vocal line continues the melody, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line.

E_b B_b7 B_b7 E_b A_b E_b

de - sert, if on - ly with thee. I would watch o'er thee, guard thee, and
de - sert, if thou wert with me, An o - a - sis of love there for -

17 $B\flat 7$ $B\flat 7$ $B\flat/D$ $Cm/E\flat$ $E\flat$ *cresc.*

love faith - ful - ly; I would give up all pleas - ures, that
 ev - er — would be; I would quench at love's foun - tain, this

21 $F 7$ $B\flat$ *f* $B\flat/D$ $Cm/E\flat$

wealth could be - stow, For the wealth of — thy heart love, one
 thirst in my heart, And would bathe in — that joy — which true

25 $B\flat/F$ $F 7$ $B\flat(\text{omit } 5)$ $C 7(\text{omit } 5)$ $F 7$ *cresc.*

a piacere *p* *a tempo*

mo - ment to know. I would bask in thy sun - shine with
 lov - er's im - part What is wealth or high sta - tion or

a tempo

29 $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$ f Cm Gm/D

soul full of glee, And would float on life's waves like a
world - ly re - pute, But an O - cean of trou - ble and

33 $D7$ Gm *dim.* $E\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat 7$

bark on the sea; Ev-'ry mo - ment on earth to com - pan - ion - ship
end - less dis - pute. So like pil - grims we'll hie to some de - sert a -

38 $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat 7$ (omit 5) $B\flat dim 7$

giv - en, Would seem like a cy - cle of love - bliss in
way And live for each oth - er Love's long sum - mer

42 B $\flat$ 7 Eb/G Eb(#5)/G A $\flat$ A dim7 Eb/B $\flat$

cresc. *f*

Heav-en. If with thee, if with thee I could live in a de - sert, if
day. — If with thee, if with thee I could live in a de - sert, if

47 B $\flat$ 7 Eb

on - ly with thee.
on - ly with thee.

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