

MISS BYRD

(from "Closer Than Ever")

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Moderate, funky (in 2, ♩ = c. 63)

E♭maj13 Cm11 Fm11 B♭13sus

mf

The piano introduction consists of four measures. The first measure is a whole note chord of E♭maj13. The second measure is a whole note chord of Cm11. The third measure is a whole note chord of Fm11. The fourth measure is a whole note chord of B♭13sus. The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both in 2/6 time.

5 E♭maj13 Cm11 Fm11

Woman 2:

The sign says I'm Miss Byrd, and that's my name. I'm one of those peo-

The vocal line for 'Woman 2' begins at measure 5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure as the introduction, with chords E♭maj13, Cm11, and Fm11.

8 B♭13sus E♭maj13 Cm11

ple who all look the same. At work I'm hard - ly seen. I come and go,

The vocal line continues at measure 8. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure, with chords B♭13sus, E♭maj13, and Cm11.

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11 Fm11 Dm7(b5) G7(b9) Cmaj9

— But I know some-thing that peo - ple don't know. — Ev - 'ry - one who sees —

14 G7(b9) Cmaj9 F7(#5)

— me thinks — that I'm that dull Miss Byrd. —

17 Bbmaj9 F7(b9) Bb Abmaj7/Bb Bb6 Gb7/Bb

I could blow that myth a - part, — but I don't say a word.

21 Ebmaj13 Cm11 Fm11

I sit here at my desk — and no one knows — not twen - ty min - utes a - go —

24 Bb13sus Ebmaj13 Cm11

I was not wear-ing clothes. I was in some - one's arms, in some - one's bed.

27 Fm11 Dm7(b5) G7(b9) Cm *cresc.*

Oh, what the thought of it does to my head! If it's true a bird

30 Cm/Bb Am7(b5) Abm6

makes mu - sic when her heart takes wing, This bird is

33 Gm7 *f* Abm7 Gm7

sing ing. Miss Byrd is sing ing.

Glissando

Red.

*

36 $A\flat m7$ $Gm7$ $Cm9$

I'm sing - ing, "I'm _____ in

39 $Fm7$ Gm $A\flat 6$ $Adim$ $A\flat/B\flat$ mp $E\flat maj13$

love." _____ But I'm not say - ing a thing. _____

42 $Cm11$ mf *ad lib. scat** $Fm11$ $B\flat13sus$

Uh - huh Oo Oo Oo Oo Oo Oo _____ Oo Oo Oo Oo.

45 $E\flat maj13$ $Cm9$ $Fm11$

Down in A - part - ment "A," _____ the Su - per's apt - ly named. _____ Last week I went to the base -

*Throughout, parts in cue-sized notes are merely a suggestion, and performers are encouraged to make the ad lib. scat sections "their own."

48

Bb9sus

Ebmaj13

Cm9

ment more hours_ than I claimed._ He says I'm su - per, too._ He calls me hot.

51

Fm11

Dm7(b5) G7(b9)

Cmaj9

I show those base-ment a - part - ments a - lot._ Back at work I'm crisp.

54

G7(b9)

Cmaj9

F13

F7(b9)

— and fresh_ re - li - a - ble Miss Byrd._

Gua — — — — — *loco*

57

Bbmaj9

F7(b9)

Bb

Abmaj7/Bb

Bb6

Gb7/Bb

Seals are danc-ing in_ my flesh,_ but I don't say a word.

p legato

mf

61 Ebmaj13 Cm11 Fm11

I'm show-ing Pent-house "C," — As I be - gin, — I still feel his hands.

64 Bb13sus Ebmaj13 Cm11

— slid - ing o - ver my skin. — My nip - ples start to throb — in - side my bra. —

67 Fm11 Dm7(b5) /G G7(b9) Cm7 cresc.

— That's when I start to go "La — da di dah." — If you've nev - er felt —

pp *mp cresc.*

70 Cm7/Bb Am7(b5) Abm6

— the lift a lit - tle lunch can bring, — This bird is

Glissando

73 **Gm11** *f* **Abm9** **Gm11**

sing - ing. Miss Byrd is sing - ing.

76 *f* **Abm9** **Gm11** **Cm7**

I'm sing - ing, "I'm on

79 **Fm11** **E♭/G** **A♭6** **Adim7** **B♭7sus** *mf* **E♭maj13** *ad lib. scat*

fire." But I'm not say - ing a thing. No, no, no, no, no.

dim. *no ped.* *Slow Glissando* *loco* *mf*

82 **Cm11** **Fm11** **B♭13sus**

No, no, no, Oo Oo Oo Oo Oo Oo Whoa.

(Shows an apartment plan)

85 E♭maj13 Cm11 Fm9

This is a floor-through five. I call it more a six. The bro-ken kitch-en - ette tiles.

(Crumples the floor plan.)

88 Dm7(b5) G7(b9) Cmaj9 G7(b9 #5)

— they will fix. Lots of girls who first seem shy have

loco

91 Cmaj9 F13 B♭maj9

se - crets, I have found. If you think I'm spe-

94 F7(b9 #5) B♭ A♭maj7/B♭ B♭ cresc. Gm7 G♭7

cial, I sug - gest you look a - round.

Eb13

Cm7

Fm9

97

f very funky

That lit-tle of - fice temp—

who seems

so dumb,—

How come a trip to Mc - Don-

f very funky

100

Bb13sus

Ebmaj13

Cm7

ald's is mak - ing her hum?—

And Miss - us Smith

in sales,—

who's turn - ing grey,—

8va

103

Fm11

Dm7(b5)

G7(b9)

Cm

why is she smil-ing that cu - ri - ous way?—

If it's true the drab-

*(8va)**loco*

3

106

Cm/Bb

Am7(b5)

Abm6

best song - birds

come—

a -

live in

spring,—

the birds are

*cresc.**Glissando**Leo.*

109 **Gm11** **ff** **Abm9** **Gm11**

sing - ing. Miss Byrd is sing - ing.

8va

ff

112 **Abm9** **Gm11** **Cm7**

I'm sing - ing, "I'm in

(8va)

115 **Fm7** **A $\flat$ /G** **A $\flat$ 7** **Adim** **A $\flat$ /B $\flat$** **Ebmaj13** **mf** *ad lib. scat*

love. But I'm not say - ing a thing. No, no, no,

loco

fff **mf**

118 **Cm11** **Fm11** **B $\flat$ 13sus**

no no Oo Oo Oo Oo Oo Oo Whoa. Mum's the word.

121 Ebmaj13 Cm9 Fm7

La la la la la la la la la la. Heard melodies are sweet,

124 Bb13sus Ebmaj13 Cm9 ad lib.

but those unheard... Woo! Shi-ga-boo, shi-ga-boo, shi-ga - boo Oo.

mp

127 Fm11 Ab/Bb rit. Db6

rit.

Slower Eb6

130 D6

She puts her finger to her lips. Ssh! Ssss!

She kisses her finger and touches her shoulder, which sizzles.