

You Better Keep Babying Baby

(Or Baby's Gonna Bye-Bye You)

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Moderato Vamp Till Ready

The piano introduction consists of two parts. The first part, marked 'Moderato', begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and features a series of chords and eighth-note patterns in both hands. It includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand. The second part, marked 'Vamp Till Ready', starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and features a more rhythmic, repetitive pattern of chords and eighth notes, also including a triplet in the right hand.

VOICE

Dad-dy dear, _ lis-ten here, _ While I speak my mind _ I've been a
Sym-pa - thy _ won't help me, _ Love is what I need _ If you don't

The vocal line is written in a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piano accompaniment is in two staves (treble and bass clefs) and provides harmonic support for the voice. The dynamic is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano).

wallflow'r right a - long _ And Dad-dy dear you know that's wrong _
love your ba - by still _ Then I'll get some-one else who will _

The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure as the first verse, with some variations in the bass line.

I stay home _ all a - lone _ wait-ing for your call _
I'm all through _ warn-ing you _ I can't be a - lone _

The vocal line concludes with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues to support the vocal melody.

I've got to have you all the time, — Or I don't want you at all. —
No sec-ond fid-dle stuff for me — Want a Dad-dy all my own. —

CHORUS

You bet-ter keep ba - by-ing Ba - by or Ba-by's gon-na Bye - Bye you — You

can't put it o - ver on Mam - ma 'cause she knows ev-'ry thing that you do — You
You
You

better come a-round as of-ten as you us-ter Or else you'll find your chick-en with a
pic-ture on the man-tle piece I keep on nurs-in' But what your lov - in' Mam-ma needs is
think that I be-lieve the things you tell me may-be But I was -n't dropped up-on my head when

brand new rooster,
you in per-son } You better keep ba-by-ing Ba - by, or Ba-by's gon-na Bye-Bye you. You you. —
I was a ba-by }