

The Commercial Traveller

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D9 G C G Am G

Home earl - y from a meet - ing of the reps He

C Bm C C Bm Am G

5 leaves the cream - bath samp - les in the car A pull - a - long gor - ill -

C Bm C Eb

10 - a guards the steps Con - fus - ion leads to where the child - ren are

Eb F# F# Bb Bb

14 At the sand - pit In the gar - den He

Eb Eb C7 C#dim Bb

19 wades in - to the kitch - en through the toys His wife leans to

Bb F# F# Eb Eb

24 kiss him with a ___ smile And neith - er ___ knows ___ how much

Ab2 Ab2 Eb5 Eb5 D D

29 dis - tance led to ___ this How long ___ the while ___ Since on the

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35 sand-spit in the morn-ing The he-ro lay a - sleep

42 Un - til the nymph ad - ored him _____ The

47 ear - ly__ dawn was ba - by lot - ion pink And soft - er than the

52 suds of In - fa - care She laved him of his brine and saw him

57 blink He woke to see the sun-burst in her hair And be her cap-tive

62 Always He hails the child - ren _____ play-ing in the sand

68 He solves the pad - lock on the gar - den shed A

73 gi - ant bow _____ should be wait - ing for his hand But there _____

Chords: F, F, Cm6, Cm6, Bbmaj7(9), Bbmaj7(9), Db, Db, Bb, Bb, D, D9, G, C, G, Am, G, C, Bm, C, C, Bm, Am, G, C, Bm, C, Eb, Eb, F#, F#, Bb, Bb, Eb, Eb, C7, C#dim, Bb, Bb, F#, F#, Eb, Eb, Ab2, Ab2, Eb b5

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78 $E\flat^{\flat 5}$ D D F F Cm6
 in - stead _____ lie all the imp - le - ments of du - ty

84 Cm6 $B\flat$ maj7(9) $B\flat$ maj7(9) $D\flat$ $D\flat$ $B\flat$
 For cent - ur - ies emp - loyed by the pris' - ner _____

90 $B\flat$ D $D9$ G C
 on his isl - and _____ He plants the hose and sets the nozz - le

95 G Am G C Bm C
 fine Em - bell - ish - ing his ros - es with the spray

100 C Bm Am G C Bm
 And rain - bows of a sea as dark as wine on _____ which he will

104 C $E\flat$ $E\flat$ C $E\flat$
 nev - er sail a - way _____ He will nev - er sail a - way _____

109 $E\flat$ C $B\flat$ $B\flat$ D
 He will nev - er sail a - way _____