

An Empty Table

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colla voce E^b A^b E^b

8 Out-side the rest'-rant where we used to see — each oth-er Eye to

4 A^bM7 Gm E^b A^b

8 eye and knee to knee The cold-er weath-er keeps our — tab-le free —

7 E^b E^b7 A^bM7 A^bm E^b

8 If I was there I know you would-n't be But no-one else is eith-er so they

10 A^b E^b E^b

8 won't miss you and me It's just a place where you and

14 A^b E^b A^bM7 Gm E^b

8 I once met with noth-ing — to get ov-er or for-get The warm-er weath-er filled the

18 A^b E^b E^b7 A^bM7 A^bm

8 op - en air — with half a fun - fair half a thor-ough-fare As

21 E^b A^b E^b

8 you leaned back in laugh-ter with your love-ly should-ers bare An emp-ty

2

B^b7E^b

25

tab - le where we were face to face — It was our go - bet - ween The air ab -

B^b7

B dim

C m

B aug

E^b

F7/A

28

ove it was our breath - ing space And now the rain has washed it clean Where

A^bM7

G m

C m

E^b

B aug

31

we broke bread not a frag - ment to be seen Not a crumb, not a trace of

C m

F9

Fm11

B^b7E^bFm11 B^b7

34

crust Just — an emp - ty tab - le One emp - ty tab - le more Than

E^b

Fm11

B^b7E^bE^b9A^bM7A^bm

39

quasi a tempo
I ev - er bar - gained for There were crowds who came to watch the riv - er And

E^bE^b9A^bM7A^bm*colla voce*E^b

43

we watched them as if they'd be there for ev - er I can't for - get all that as

B^b7E^bB^b7A^b

46

I walk past I try to und - er - play the ov - er - cast by call - ing sol - i - tude my great ro -

50 G m A^bM7 G m B^b7 E^b

mance and be-ing glad no-one can see me glance at an emp-ty tab-le And the

54 C m B aug E^b/_{B^b} F⁹/_A A^bM7 B^b7

glance be-come a stare and the stare — be-come a trance But

58 *quasi a tempo* E^b9 A^bM7 A^bm E^b E^b9

crowds are al-ways melt-ing in the cold In that re-spect the opp-o-site of

61 A^b6 A^bm E^b E^b9 A^bM7 A^bm

ice And fold-ing chairs, — well, what they do is fold They do it

64 E^b E^b9 A^b A^bm *colla voce* E^b

once, and they can do it twice And they will soon be back — if we're to -

67 B^b7 E^b B^b7

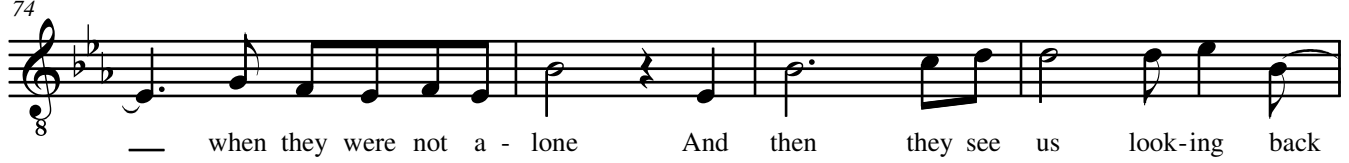
geth-er when — It's warm e-nough — to sit out-side a-gain And all the

70 E^b E^b9 A^bM7 A^bm G m C m B aug

world flows by, not just the sol-i-tar-y men Who stop as if they see them-selves

74


$E\flat$
 $B\flat$ $F\flat 9$
 A $A\flat M7$ $B\flat 7$ $A\flat$



8 — when they were not a - lone And then they see us look-ing back

78

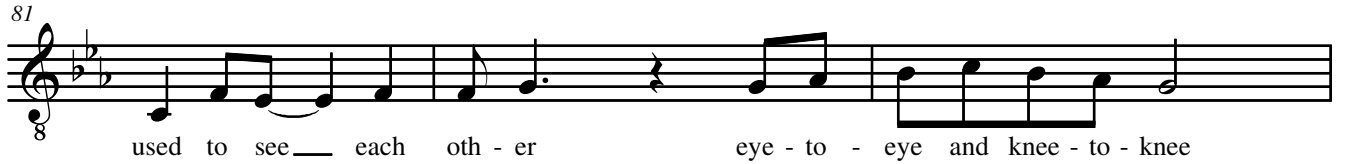
G m F m 11 $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$



8 _____ and walk a - way Out - side the rest' - rant where we

81


$A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat M7$ G m



8 used to see _____ each oth - er eye - to - eye and knee - to - knee

84

$E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$



8 The cold-er weath-er keeps our _____ tab - le free _____