

Black Lives Matter To Me

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System 1: Chords: C, F, F^{maj7}, G/C, C. Piano accompaniment in 4/4 time.

System 2: Chords: C, D^m/C, C, G, D^m⁷, G, G/D, F/G, C, C. Piano accompaniment in 4/4 time.

System 3: Chords: C, C, C, G, *Led.*, G*. Lyrics:
Black lives matter of course they matter black lives matter to me
1. Sisters brothers
2. Sons and daughters

System 4: Chords: G, G, C, C. Lyrics:
1. Mothers Fathers
2. Friends and family
Black lives matter to me.
In the words of Doctor
Led. *

The image shows a musical score for three systems of piano accompaniment and vocal lines. The score is written in treble and bass clefs. The lyrics are: "King Let free dom ring! In eve ry heart let free dom ring! For eve ry child May jus tice sing In eve ry". The chord symbols are: F, F, C, C, Dm/C, C, G, F/G, G¹³, C, Ped., C, *, G/C, F, F, Ped., C, C, Dm/C, C.

System 1:

- Chords: F, F, C, C, Dm/C, C
- Lyrics: King Let free dom ring! In eve ry

System 2:

- Chords: G, F/G, G¹³, C, Ped., C, *, G/C
- Lyrics: heart let free dom ring! For eve ry

System 3:

- Chords: F, F, Ped., C, C, Dm/C, C
- Lyrics: child May jus tice sing In eve ry

G F/G G/D C First time *D.S.* C
Second time play through to end

land let free dom ring!

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the piece. The vocal line starts with a whole note 'land' under a G chord, followed by 'let free dom' under F/G, G/D, and C chords, and 'ring!' under a C chord. The piano accompaniment features a bass line with eighth notes and a treble line with chords and a melodic line. A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of the system.

Bridge Dm⁷ Em⁷ F G

Black babies grow they grow in love

Detailed description: This system contains the bridge section, measures 5-8. The vocal line has 'Black babies' under Dm⁷, 'grow' under Em⁷, 'they grow in' under F, and 'love' under G. The piano accompaniment continues with similar patterns to the first system.

Dm⁷ Em⁷ F G G

Black children thrive they thrive with love

Led. *

Detailed description: This system contains the final section, measures 9-12. The vocal line has 'Black children' under Dm⁷, 'thrive' under Em⁷, 'they thrive with' under F, and 'love' under G. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord and a fermata. The system ends with the instruction 'Led.' and an asterisk.

1. Black lives mat ter of course they mat ter black lives mat ter to me
2. Humming.....

Sis ters brothers Mothers Fathers Black lives mat ter to me.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with chords C, C, C, and G. The second system has six measures with chords G, G, G, C, and C. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal line includes lyrics and a humming section.