

Johnny

Tell Me The Truth About Love, n. 9

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(first time)

(2nd time)

(3rd time)

O the val - leyin the sum - mer
O that Fri - day near Christ - mas
Shall I e - ver for - get

p legato

stacc.

5

where I and my John
as I well re - call
at the Grand O - pe - ra

Be - side the deep ri - ver
When we went to the Cha - ri ty
When mu - sic poured out

7

would walk on and on
Ma - ti - nee Ball,
of each won - der - ful star?

While the flo - wers at our feet
The floor was so smooth
Dia - monds and pearls

p legato cresc.

9

and the birds up a - bove
 Ar-gued so sweetly
 on re - ci - pro - al love,

and the band was so loud
 And John-ny so hand - some
 I felt so proud;

they hung daz-zling down
 O - ver each sil - ver
 or gol - den silk gown;

p cresc.

12

And I leaned on his shoul - der; "O John - ny, let's play": But he

"Squeeze me tigh - ter, dear John - ny, let's dance till it's day": But he

"O John I'm in hea - ven," I Whi - spered to say: But he

stacc.

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frowned like thun-der and he went a - way.

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p legato

1.
2.
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18 4.

O but he was as fair as a gar-den in flo-wer,

f stacc.

8^{vb}.....

21

As slen-der and tall as the great Eif-fel To-wer, When the waltz throbbled out on the

8^{vb}.....

24

long prome - nade O his eyes and his smile they went straight to my heart;

8^{vb}.....

27

"O mar-ry me, John-ny, I'll love and o - bey": But he frowned like thun-der and he went a-

mp legato

stacc.

30 8^{vb}.....!

way. O last night I dreamed of you,

p legato

pp stacc.

34

John-ny, my lo - ver, You'd the sun on one arm and the moon on the o - ther,

37

The sea it was blue and the grass it was green, E-very star rattled

legato

40

a round tam-bou - rine; Ten thou - sand miles deep in a pit there I Lay: But you

stacc.

43

frowned like thun-der and you went a-way.

p legato