

SM2579

# The High Cost Of Loving.

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Allegretto

Piano

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a series of chords and single notes in a rhythmic pattern, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment. The tempo is marked 'Allegretto' and the dynamics include 'f' (forte) and 'fz' (forzando).

Bil - ly O' Hig - gins was  
Each night they'd lin - ger a -

The first system of the song features a vocal line on a single staff and piano accompaniment on two staves. The piano part continues with a similar accompaniment style to the introduction.

feel - ing quite sad, — His lit - tle sweet - heart was  
round cab - ar - ets, — She could spend mon - ey in

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part features some chordal textures and melodic lines in both hands.

treat - ing him bad, — His week - ly earn - ings were fif - teen  
ten diff - erent ways, — Af - ter each drink, — or a mom - ent

The third system concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part provides a final accompaniment for the lyrics.

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dol - lars, That on - ly paid — for his shirts and col - lars,  
lat - er, All of his change — she would tip the wait - er.

Each time he'd ask — her to go to a show, — All of her fam - i - ly  
When they played mus - ic his poor heart would sink, — She'd treat the or - ches - tra

want-ed to go, — She'd call a tax - i, to take them all home,  
all to a drink, — He would sit there — and spend dime af - ter dime,

Then you would hear poor — Bil - ly moan: —  
While all that she'd spend — was her time. —

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## CHORUS

The high cost of lov - ing, the high cost of lov - ing, It's

*p-f*

driv - ing me mad, Yes, driv - ing me mad; The

high cost of liv - - ing is on - ly a joke, The

high cost of lov - ing is keep - ing me broke, You  
You

bor - row from moth - er, from sis - ter and broth - er, You  
eat nick - le lunch - es, and buy her milk punch - es,

try to keep up with the style. Ev - 'ry

brick - lay - er's daugh - ter, drinks wine just like wat - er, I'll  
Mar - y and Jane wants to bathe in cham - pagne, so I'll

have to stop lov - ing a while. The while.

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