

Because Of You

♩ = 72

Words and Music by Kelly Clarkson
Ben Moody and David Hodges
arranged by Ad Lamerigts



I will not make the same mistake that you did. I
lose my way, and it's not too long before you point it.



— will not let myself cause my heart so much mis - er - y.
out. I can not cry, — be cause I know that's — weak - ness in — your eyes.



I will not break the way — you did. — You fell — so hard.
— I'm forced to fake a smile, — a laugh ev — 'ry day — of my



I've learned the hard way to nev er let it get that far — Be-cause of
life My heart can't pos si bly break when it was-n't e-ven whole to start — with



you I nev-er stray too far from the side-walk Be-cause of you learned to play on the safe side, so I don't-



get hurt.- Be-cause of you I find it hard to trust not on ly me,-



but ev-'ry-one a-round me Be-cause of you, I am a-fraid. — I watched you



die; I heard you cry ev- 'ry night in your sleep.- I was so

25



young; you should have known bet- ter than to lean on me.- You nev- er

27



thought of an- y-one else; you just saw your pain, and now I cry in the mid- die of the night for the

30




same damn thing. Be- cause of you I nev- er stray- too far from the side- walk. Be- cause of

34




you I learned to play on the safe side so I don't- get hurt.- Be- cause of

36



you, I try my hard- est just- to for get ev 'ry- thing.- Be cause of

38



you, I don't know how to let an - y- one else___ in. Be- cause of you

40



I'm a- shamed of my life, be- cause it's emp - ty. Be- cause of you,- I am a- afraid,-

43



be- cause of you___ be- cause of you. ___