

# FOR CRYING OUT LOUD

Words and Music by  
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Moderately

**Bb**  **Gm**  **Eb** 

*mp*

**F7sus4**  **F7**  Moderately **Bb**  **Bb (A bass)**  **Gm** 

*mf* I was lost till you were found, —  
 I was damned and you were saved, —

**Eb**  **Cm**  **Bb**  **Bb (A bass)** 

and I nev - er knew how far down I was fall - ing be - fore I reached  
 and I nev - er knew how en - slaved I was kneel - ing in the chains

**Gm**  **Cm7**  **F** 

the bot - tom.  
 of my mas - ter.

Bb (A bass) Gm Eb

I was cold and you were fire, — and I nev - er knew  
I could laugh but you could cry, — and I nev - er knew

Cm Bb Gm

how the pyre could be burn - ing on the edge of the  
just how high I was fly - ing with you right a -

Cm7 F11 F7 Eb (G bass) F (A bass)

ice field. } And now the chil - ly Cal - i - for - nia wind  
bove me. }

Bb Eb (G bass) F (A bass) Bb

is blow - ing down our bod - ies a - gain, And we're

Eb (D bass) Cm Gm (Bb bass) Cm (A bass) Eb (G bass) Bb

sink - ing deep - er and deep - er in the chil - ly Cal - i - for - nia sand..

F Eb Eb (D bass) Cm Gm (Bb bass) Cm (A bass) Eb (G bass)

Oh, I know you be - long in -

Bb Bb F (A bass) Gm

side my ach - ing heart, and can't you see my

Cm F

fad - ed Le - vis burst - ing a - part.

**Slightly faster**  
Bb m Gb (Bb bass) Bb m F (C bass) Db

And don't you hear me cry - ing, "Oh, babe, don't

Eb

got" And don't you hear me scream - ing, —

F

"How was I to know?" *poco a poco cresc.*

Bb (Bb bass) Eb (Bb bass) F (Bb bass)

*f* I'm in the mid - dle of no - where, — near the end of the line, —

Bb (Bb bass) Eb (Bb bass)

But there's a bor - der to some - where wait - ing, —

F (Bb bass) Bb (Bb bass)

and there's a tank - ful of time. Oh, give me just an -

Eb (Bb bass) F (Bb bass) Bb (Bb bass)

oth - er mo - ment to see the light of the day, —

and take me to an - oth er land — where I don't — have to

Chord diagrams: Eb (Bb bass) and F (Bb bass)

stay. And I'm gon - na need — some - bod - y to make

Chord diagrams: Bb, F (A bass), Gm, F

me feel — like you do. And I will re - ceive —

Chord diagrams: Eb, Bb, F (A bass), Gm

some - bod - y with o - pen arms, — o - pen eyes, —

Chord diagrams: F, Eb

O - pen up the sky and let the plan - et that I love shine through! —

Chord diagrams: Cm7, Fsus4

F Gm F

For Cry - ing Out Loud, you know I

Bb Eb (Bb bass) Bb Eb Bb (A bass) Gm

love — you. For Cry - ing Out Loud,

F Bb Eb Bb Eb Bb F (A bass)

you know I love — you. *To Coda*

Gm F Eb Eb (D bass)

For Cry - ing Out Loud, you know I love — you! *dim.* *Instrumental Solo*

Cm F7sus4 F

*mp poco a poco ritard.* *D.S. al Coda*

Coda

Gm F F11 Bb

Oh, For Cry - ing Out Loud, you know I love you.

Very slowly

Gm F Eb Fsus4 F

For Cry - ing Out Loud, you know I love you ... For

*rall.* *ritard. e dim.*

Moderately slow

Bb Cm



tak - ing in the rain when I'm feel - ing so dry, For giv - ing me the an - swers when I'm  
com - ing to my room when you know I'm a lone, For find - ing me a high - way, for

*mf*

Eb F Bb

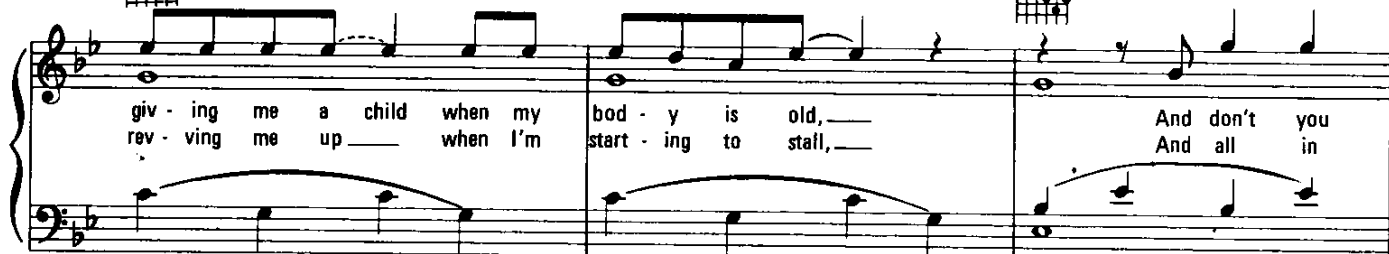
ask - ing you why, And my, oh my, for that I thank you.  
driv - ing me home, And you gotta know, for that I serve you.



For For tak - ing in the sun when I'm feel - ing so cold, For  
pull - ing me a - way when I'm start - ing to fall, For

Cm  Eb 

giv - ing me a child when my bod - y is old, —  
 rev - ving me up — when I'm start - ing to stall, —


And don't you  
 And all in





F  Bb  1. F 


know, for that I need you.  
 all, for that I want you.

For



2. Eb (Bb bass)  Bb 

For tak - ing and for giv - ing and for play - ing the game, — For



Cm  Eb 

pray - ing for my fu - ture in the days that re - main. — Oh, —



F  Bb  Dm (A bass) 

Lord, — for that I hold you. Ah, but most — of all, —





Gm F Bb

For Cry - ing Out Loud, for that I love you.

Dm Gm F

Ah, but most of all, For Cry - ing Out Loud, for that I

Bb Bb Dm Gm

love you. Ah, but most of all, For Cry - ing Out Loud,

F Bb Dm Freely Gm

for that I love you. *mf* *rall.* *ff* When you're cry - ing out

F Eb Bb

loud, you know I love you. *mp* *ritard.* *ff*

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Could be burning  
On the edge of the ice field

And now the chilly California wind  
Is blowing down our bodies again  
And we're sinking deeper and deeper in the  
chilly California sand  
Oh I know you belong inside my aching heart  
And can't you see my faded Levis bursting apart  
And don't you hear me crying:  
"Oh Babe, don't go"  
And don't you hear me screaming:  
"How was I to know?"

I'm in the middle of nowhere  
Near the end of the line  
But there's a border to somewhere waiting  
And there's a tankful of time  
Oh give me just another moment to see the light of the day  
And take me to another land where I don't have to stay  
And I'm gonna need somebody to make me feel like you do  
And I will receive somebody with open arms, open eyes,  
Open up the sky and let the planet that I love shine through

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I was kneeling  
In the chains of my master

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For giving me the answers when I'm asking you why  
My oh my  
For that I thank you

For taking in the sun when I'm feeling so cold  
For giving me a child when my body is old  
Don't you know  
For that I need you

For coming to my room when you know I'm alone  
For finding me a highway and for driving me home  
You got to know  
For that I serve you

For pulling me away when I'm starting to fall  
For revving me up when I'm starting to stall  
And all in all  
For that I want you

For taking and for giving and for playing the game  
For praying for my future in the days that remain  
Oh Lord  
For that I hold you

Ah, but most of all  
For crying out loud  
For that I love you  
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For crying out loud  
For that I love you  
Ah, but most of all  
For crying out loud  
For that I love you

When you're crying out loud  
You know I love you