

# EMPTY GARDEN

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Gentle rock

Ab

What hap - pened here? As the

*mp*

Eb

Bb

New York sun - set dis - ap - peared... I found an Emp - ty Gar - den

Cm

Ab

a-mong the flag - stones there... Who lived here? He

Eb

must have been a gar - den - er who cared a lot, who weed - ed out the tears and grew a

**Bb** **Cm**

good\_\_ crop... Now it all looks strange... It's fun-ny how one

**Ab** **Bb**

in - sect\_\_ can dam-age so\_\_ much grain

**Eb** **Ab**

And what's it for, this  
thru their tears

*8va* *loco*  
R.H. L.H. R.H. L.H.

**Eb**

lit - tle Emp - ty Gar - den by the brown - stone door?\_ And in the cracks a - long the  
some say he farmed his best in young - er years, - but he'd have said the root grows



Bb



Cm



side - walk, noth - ing grows no more. Who  
 strong - er. If on - ly he could hear. Who

Ab



Eb



lived here? He must have been a gar - den - er who cared a lot, who  
 lived there? He must have been a gar - den - er who cared a lot, who

Bb



weed - ed out the tears and grew a good crop. And we are so a - mazed,  
 weed - ed out the tears and grew a good crop. Now we pray for rain.

Cm



Ab



we're crip - pled and we're dazed. A gar - den - er like that  
 And with ev - 'ry drop that pours, we

Bb

Eb

one, hear, no one we hear your name can re - place. And I've been

Ab

Eb

knock - ing, but no one an - swers. And I've been

Ab

Cm

knock - ing, most all the day. Oh, and I've been

Fm

Cm

To Coda

call - ing, oh, hey, hey John - ny, can't you come



Ab Bb Eb

out to play?\_

pp R.H. 8va - - -

Detailed description: This system contains the first system of music. It features a vocal line with lyrics 'out to play?\_' and a piano accompaniment. Above the vocal line are three guitar chord diagrams: Ab, Bb, and Eb. The piano part includes a right-hand section marked 'pp R.H.' and '8va' with a dashed line indicating an octave shift.

D.S. al Coda

And loco

Detailed description: This system contains the second system of music. It features a piano accompaniment with a dynamic marking of 'p' and a tempo marking of 'And loco'. Above the piano part, there is a dashed line indicating a melodic line that is not fully written out.

CODA

Can't you come out, -

Detailed description: This system contains the CODA section. It features a piano accompaniment with a dynamic marking of 'p' and a tempo marking of 'And loco'. The lyrics 'Can't you come out, -' are written above the piano part.

Ab Bb Eb Fm

can't you come out\_ to play?\_ John - ny,

Detailed description: This system contains the third system of music. It features a vocal line with lyrics 'can't you come out\_ to play?\_ John - ny,' and a piano accompaniment. Above the vocal line are four guitar chord diagrams: Ab, Bb, Eb, and Fm.

Ab Bb Eb Fm

can't you come out\_ to play in your Emp - ty Gar - den? John - ny,

Repeat and Fade

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth system of music. It features a vocal line with lyrics 'can't you come out\_ to play in your Emp - ty Gar - den? John - ny,' and a piano accompaniment. Above the vocal line are four guitar chord diagrams: Ab, Bb, Eb, and Fm. The system ends with the instruction 'Repeat and Fade'.