

# LOREENA MCKENNITT SHEET MUSIC

PIANO ♦ VOCAL WITH OPTIONAL VIOLIN

## *The Dark Night Of The Soul*

*From the Quinlan Road CD "The Mask And Mirror"*



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# The Dark Night Of The Soul

Words by St. John of the Cross;  
arranged and adapted by Loreena McKennitt

Music by Loreena McKennitt

♩ = 108

**Chord Diagrams:**  
 Gm (3fr.), F/A, Bb, Eb (6fr.), Bb/D (3fr.), Cm (3fr.), F

**Lyrics:**  
 (see additional lyrics)  
 Up - on a dark - ened night the  
 on that mis - ty night - - - - - etc.  
 in my pound - ing heart - - - - - etc.

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E $\flat$  6fr. B $\flat$ /D 3fr. Cm 3fr. F B $\flat$  Gm 3fr. F/A

flame of love was bur - ning in my breast And by a lan - tern bright

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  6fr. B $\flat$ /D 3fr. Cm 3fr. F B $\flat$

I fled my house while all in qui - et rest

Gm 3fr. E $\flat$  6fr. B $\flat$ /D 3fr. E $\flat$  6fr. B $\flat$ /D 3fr. Cm 3fr.

Shrou - ded by the night And by the se - cret stair I quick - ly

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F Gm Eb F Gm Eb

fled ————— The veil con - cealed my eyes ————— while all with - in lay

Detailed description: This system contains the first six measures of the piece. It features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. Above the vocal line, six guitar chord diagrams are provided: F, Gm (3fr.), Eb (6fr.), F, Gm (3fr.), and Eb (6fr.). The lyrics are: "fled ————— The veil con - cealed my eyes ————— while all with - in lay".

Bb/D F Bb Bb F/A Gm F

qui - et — as the dead ————— Oh night — thou was my —

Detailed description: This system contains the next six measures. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. Above the vocal line, seven guitar chord diagrams are provided: Bb/D (3fr.), F, Bb, Bb, F/A, Gm (3fr.), and F. The lyrics are: "qui - et — as the dead ————— Oh night — thou was my —".

Bb Gm Eb Bb/D F Gm

guide oh night more lov - ing — than the ris - ing sun ————— Oh

Detailed description: This system contains the final six measures of the piece. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. Above the vocal line, six guitar chord diagrams are provided: Bb, Gm (3fr.), Eb (6fr.), Bb/D (3fr.), F, and Gm (3fr.). The lyrics are: "guide oh night more lov - ing — than the ris - ing sun ————— Oh". The piece concludes with a double bar line and a common time signature 'C'.

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E $\flat$  6fr. B $\flat$ /D 3fr. Cm 3fr. F Gm 3fr. E $\flat$  6fr.

night that joined the lo - ver to the be - lov - ed one, Trans - for - ming each of

B $\flat$ /D 3fr. F B $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm 3fr. F/A

them in - to the o - ther 2. Up -

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  6fr. B $\flat$ /D 3fr. Cm 3fr. F B $\flat$

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*D.S. al Coda*

3. With *D.S. al Coda*

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Chord diagrams: Eb (6fr.), Bb/D (3fr.), Cm (3fr.), F, Bb, Gm (3fr.), Eb (6fr.)

Chord diagrams: Bb/D (3fr.), Eb (6fr.), Bb/D (3fr.), Cm (3fr.), F

Chord diagrams: Gm (3fr.), Eb (6fr.), F, Gm (3fr.), Eb (6fr.), Bb/D (3fr.), F

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B $\flat$  B $\flat$  F/A Gm F/A B $\flat$

I lost myself to him and

E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D Cm F

laid my face upon my lovers breast

B $\flat$  Gm F/A B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D

And care and grief grew dim as in the mornings mist

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Cm F Bb Gm Eb Bb/D F

be - came the light — There they dimmed a - mongst the li - lies

This system contains the first two lines of music. The top line features guitar chord diagrams for Cm, F, Bb, Gm, Eb, Bb/D, and F, each with a '3fr.' or '6fr.' label. Below the diagrams is the vocal melody in treble clef with lyrics. The second line shows the vocal melody in treble clef with a different rhythmic pattern. The piano accompaniment is shown in grand staff (treble and bass clefs).

Bb Gm Eb Bb/D F Gm

fair there they dimmed a - mongst the li - lies fair

This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The top line features guitar chord diagrams for Bb, Gm, Eb, Bb/D, F, and Gm, with '3fr.' or '6fr.' labels. Below the diagrams is the vocal melody in treble clef with lyrics. The second line shows the vocal melody in treble clef. The piano accompaniment is shown in grand staff.

Eb Bb/D F Bb Bb

there they dimmed a - mongst the li - lies fair —

This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The top line features guitar chord diagrams for Eb, Bb/D, F, Bb, and Bb, with '6fr.' or '3fr.' labels. Below the diagrams is the vocal melody in treble clef with lyrics. The second line shows the vocal melody in treble clef. The piano accompaniment is shown in grand staff.

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Gm (ad lib improvised vocal) F Gm F

La la la la la la la la la

Gm F Gm Eb F

La la

Gm F Gm F

la la

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Gm Eb6 F Gm Eb F

— la la la la la La la la la

Gm Eb6 F Gm Eb F

La la la La la la.

**(additional lyrics)**

2. Upon that misty night  
in secrecy, beyond such mortal sight  
Without a guide or light  
than that which burned so deeply in my heart  
That fire t'was led me on  
and shone more bright than of the midday sun  
To where he waited still  
it was a place where no one else could come

*CHORUS*

3. Within my pounding heart  
which kept itself entirely for him  
He fell into his sleep  
beneath the cedars all my love I gave  
From o'er the fortress walls  
the wind would his hair against his brow  
And with its smoothest hand  
caressed my every sense it would allow

*CHORUS*