

The Tiny Mouse

Words and Music by
JANIS IAN

Steady (♩ = 108)

VERSE 1

mp Am E7 Am E7 Am

There was a tin - y mouse who lived in a tin - y house full of drafts and doubts and in-cred-i-ble

Detailed description: This system contains the first two measures of the verse. The vocal line is in 12/8 time, starting with a quarter note 'There' and a dotted quarter note 'was'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

E7 Am Dm

things like a jack-in-the - box who popped ev - 'ry Sun-day at five - o-'clock and a

Detailed description: This system contains the next two measures. The vocal line continues with 'things' and 'like a jack-in-the - box'. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic pattern.

Am E7 Am E7 Am E7 Am E7

clown who wore a frown that was deaf-en-ing. _____

Detailed description: This system contains the final two measures of the verse. The vocal line ends with 'clown who wore a frown that was deaf-en-ing.' followed by a long line. The piano accompaniment concludes the phrase.

VERSE 2

Am E7 Am E7

He ate off a sil - ver spoon in a gold - en room but plat - i - num

Detailed description: This system contains the first two measures of the second verse. The vocal line starts with 'He ate off a sil - ver spoon'. The piano accompaniment begins with a new chord progression.

A m E7 A m

plates and dia - mond gob - lets were - n't e - nough. "I am bored," said he. "I think I will

This system contains the first two measures of the piece. The vocal line starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

D m A m E7 A m E7 A m

go to sea where I'll be drink - ing grog and sniff - ing oc - ca - sion - al snuff." So he

This system contains the next two measures. The vocal line continues with a quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note bass line and chord accompaniment.

CHORUS 1

D m A m E7 A m

stowed a - way that ver - y day but the mo - tion of the o - cean made him sick. He went

This system contains the first two measures of the chorus. The vocal line begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment continues with the established eighth-note bass line and chords.

D m A m E7

look - ing for a loo, but the best that he could do was the bath - room of the cap - tain of the

This system contains the final two measures of the chorus. The vocal line starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment concludes with the eighth-note bass line and chords.

A m D m A m E7 A m

ship, oh, the bath - room of the cap - tain of the ship.

VERSE 3

There was a small still life of the captain's wife
 And what he saw there nearly brought the mouse to tears.
 A calico coat and head and the inscription read,
 "To the captain of my heart, from Kitty Dear."

VERSE 4

The mouse began to cry, "Oh, what a fool am I
 To come so far and then be served up on a plate!
 What an awful meal I'll be – most of all to me!
 So it's overboard I'll go and make my escape!"

CHORUS 2

He grabbed a flounder for a sail, made a rudder of his tail
 And swam as hard as he could swim for land
 Where he dried his whiskers off and coughed and coughed and coughed
 And spat up seven oysters and a clam.
 Oh, he spat up seven oysters and a clam.

VERSE 5

He married a mouseketeer, had children who loved to hear
 About the adventures of the tiny stowaway.
 But it made their noses itch and their whiskers twitch
 To think how close he'd come to being the soup of the day.

CHORUS 3

The moral of the tale is think before you sail
 And always keep your paws and whiskers neat.
 And if you're dining on a ship, just be sure the room's well lit.
 Always know what's in the bowl before you eat.
 Always know what's in the bowl before you eat!