

Will Hard Work Pay Off?

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The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest for four measures, followed by the lyrics "I've been try - ing and try -". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand, with some grace notes.

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The second system continues the piece, starting at measure 6. The vocal line has lyrics "i - ng___ Work-ing hard eve-ry day___ and night. Eve-ry mo-ment I'm wri -". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

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The third system starts at measure 10. The vocal line has lyrics "ti - ng___ Not gi-ving up with-out a fight___ Eve-ry piece of this puz -". The piano accompaniment concludes the system with sustained chords.

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z - le took a lot of time to obtain. It's been a hell of a stru -

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g - gle I pray it wasn't all in vain. I've done everything I can.

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And I still don't understand How come I am still right here?

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Aft-er blood and sweat and tears. All the min-utes and hours.

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— Eve-ry day and night...I've been work-ing hard— to get it right. And ev-en though it some

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- times has been tough... I hope that hard—work will pay off.— Will it pay off?

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I will climb eve-ry mou - nt-ain— with the will to push

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— on through. If it keeps get-ting high - er that means that on top_-

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— there must be an out-stand-ing view. All the min-utes and hours. Eve-ry day and night.

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— I've been work-ing hard to get it right. And ev-en though it some-times has been tough.

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— I pray that hard work will pay off. It takes a lot more than ta-lent it takes will

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— and a whole lot of nerves and guts and will. And though this path of mine

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— can be so rough... I pray that hard work will pay off. Will it pay off?

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I must confess I am scared that it won't. I have doubt

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— in my mind that just keeps saying "don't" I've spent all this time, I've endured

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— and I've persevered. But if I'm doubting it my confidence must have gone black

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— and dis - app - eared. I have to bel - ieve and be cer - tain and trust

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— in the work and that it will soon pay off.

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I will trust in the pro - ce - ss. Ev - en though I might not see.

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I had the time and the per - se - ve - rance, but con - fi - dence was the key.

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— All the min-utes and hours... Eve-ry day and night...I've been work-ing hard

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— to get it right. And ev-en though it some - times might seem tough... I trust that hard

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— work will pay off. It takes a lot more than ta - lent it takes skill

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— and a whole lot of con - fi - dence and will. And though this path of mine

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—might seem so rough... I trust that hard work will pay off. —

This system contains measures 107 through 110. The vocal line begins with a half rest, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and half notes in the left hand, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

111

It will pay off! — If I get stuck...

This system contains measures 111 through 114. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic pattern as the previous system.

115

It will pay off! —

This system contains measures 115 through 118. The vocal line has a half rest in the first measure, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.