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NIGHTSWIMMING

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0:07
(♩ = 114)
Gadd9

G/B

C5

Gadd9

G/B

D5

Voice

Oboe

Piano

Strings

strings ad lib.

0:15

G

Cadd9

D6

G

Cadd9

A9

Vx.

Night - swim - ming

de - serves a qui - et night.

Pno.

0:28

C6

Dsus4

D

G

Cadd9

D6

Vx.

The pho - to-graph on the dash - board

Pno.

4

G Cadd9 A9 C6 Dsus4 D

Vx. tak - en years a - go, turned a - round back - wards so the wind - shield shows.

Pno.

0:40

G Cadd9 D6 G Cadd9 A9

Vx. E - ve - ry street - light re - veals the pic - ture in re - verse,

Pno.

0:53

C6 Dsus4 D G Cadd9 D6

Vx. still it's so much clear - er. I for - got my shirt at the wa -

Pno.

G Cadd9 A9 C6 Dsus4 D

Vx. - ter's edge, the moon is low to - night.

Pno.

Str.

1:06

Gadd9

G/B

C

Gadd9

G/B

D5

5

Pno.

Str.

1:14

G

Cadd9

D6

G

Cadd9

A9

Vx.

Night - swim - ming de - serves a qui - et night, I'm

Pno.

1:27

C6

Dsus4

D

G

Cadd9

D6

Vx.

not sure all these peo - ple un - der - stand, it's not like years a - go;

Pno.

G

Cadd9

A9

C6

Dsus4

D

Vx.

the fear of get - ting caught, of reck - less - ness and wa -

Pno.

6 1:39

G Cadd9 D6 G Cadd9 A9

Vx. - ter, they can - not see me na - ked. These things they go a - way,

Pno.

1:52

C6 Dsus4 D G Cadd9 D6

Vx. re - placed by ev - ery - day. Night - swim - ming, re -

Pno.

Str.

G Cadd9 A9 C6 Dsus4 D

Vx. - mem - ber - ing that night, Sep - tem - ber's com - ing soon, I'm

Pno.

Str.

G Cadd9 D6 G Cadd9 A9

Vx. pin-ing for the moon and what if there were two side by side

Pno.

Str.

C6 Dsus4 D G Cadd9 D6

Vx. in or-bit a-round the fair-est sun. That bright tight for-ev-

Pno.

Str.

G Cadd9 A9 C6 Dsus4 D

Vx. -er drum could not des-cribe night-swim-ming.

Pno.

Str.

8 2:30 G Cadd9 D6 G Cadd9 A9

Vx. You, I thought I knew you, you, I can not judge,

Pno.

Str.

2:42 C6 Dsus4 D G Cadd9 D6

Vx. you, I thought you knew me, this one laugh - ing qui - et - ly un - der - - neath

Pno.

Str.

G Cadd9 A9 C6 Dsus4 D

Vx. - my breath. Night - swim - ming.

Pno.

Str.

2:55

Gadd9

G/B

C

Gadd9

G/B

D

Pno.

Str.

3:03

G

Cadd9

D6

G

Ob.

Pno.

Str.

Cadd9

A9

C6

Dsus4

D

Vx.

Ob.

Pno.

Str.

The

Vx. pho - to - graph re - flects, ev - ery street - light a re - min - der. Night-swim -

Ob.

Pno.

Str.

Vx. - ming de - serves a qui - et night,

Pno.

Str.

Vx. de - serves a qui - et night.

Pno.

Str.

3:41

G

Cadd9

D6

G

Cadd9

A9

Ob.

Pno.

Str.

3:54

C6

Dsus4

D

G

Cadd9

D6

Ob.

Pno.

Str.

rit.

G

Cadd9

A9

C6

Dsus4

D

G

Ob.

Pno.

Str.