

A Time for Us

(Love Theme from *Romeo and Juliet*)

Franco Zeffirelli's poetic filming of Romeo and Juliet in 1968 produced a love song that seemed to hark back to Elizabethan, or even earlier, times. It was sung at the candlelit ball when Romeo first caught sight of Juliet.

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Music by: Nino Rota

Slowly, with expression

The first system of the musical score is for the piano introduction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 3/4. The music begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The melody in the treble staff features a series of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line and a *p* (piano) dynamic marking.

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p

The second system of the musical score includes vocal lines and guitar chords. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with the lyrics: "Us, some-day there'll be when chains are torn By cour-age born of a love that's". The bass staff provides the piano accompaniment. Above the treble staff, four guitar chord diagrams are shown: Em/G bass, F, C/E bass, and Dm.

The third system of the musical score continues the vocal and piano parts. The treble staff has the lyrics: "free; A time when dreams so long de-nied can flour". The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. Above the treble staff, four guitar chord diagrams are shown: Am, Em/G bass, F, and Dm.

The fourth system of the musical score concludes the vocal and piano parts. The treble staff has the lyrics: "ish, As we un-veil the love we now must hide. A". The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. Above the treble staff, four guitar chord diagrams are shown: Em, Am, Em, and Am.

C G Dm Am Bb

Time For Us at last to see A life worth -

mf 5 1 3

F Em Am (No chord) Em/G bass

while for you and me. And with our love through tears and

p

F C/E bass Dm Am

thorns we will endure as we pass surely through ev-'ry storm. A Time For

Em/G bass F Dm Em

Us, some-day there'll be a new world; A

Am Em Am

world of shin-ing hope for you and me.

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