

From The Paramount Picture "THE GODFATHER"
SPEAK SOFTLY LOVE
(Love Theme From "THE GODFATHER")

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Slowly

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody of eighth notes in a C minor key signature, starting with a quarter rest followed by a dotted quarter note. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

A guitar chord diagram for C minor (Cm) with the C bass note indicated.

A guitar chord diagram for F minor (Fm) with the C bass note indicated.

A guitar chord diagram for C minor (Cm).

This system contains the first line of the song. The vocal line is on a single staff with lyrics: "Speak soft - ly, love, and hold me warm a - gainst your heart. I feel your". The piano accompaniment is on two staves, with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The music is in C minor and 7/8 time.

A guitar chord diagram for C minor (Cm) with the Eb bass note indicated.

A guitar chord diagram for F minor (Fm).

This system contains the second line of the song. The vocal line continues with lyrics: "words, the ten - der, trem - bling mo - ments start. We're in a world — our ver - y". The piano accompaniment continues with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

A guitar chord diagram for C minor (Cm).

A guitar chord diagram for C minor (Cm) with the G bass note indicated.

A guitar chord diagram for G7sus.

A guitar chord diagram for G7.

A guitar chord diagram for C minor (Cm).

This system contains the third line of the song. The vocal line continues with lyrics: "own, Shar - ing a love that on - ly few have ev - er known. Wine col - ored". The piano accompaniment concludes with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

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Bb7 (D bass) Bb7 Eb Db (F bass) Fm (Ab bass)

days warmed by the sun, Deep vel-vet nights ————— when we are

G NC Cm Fm (C bass) Cm

one. Speak soft-ly, love, so no one hears us but the sky. The vows of

mp

Fm (C bass) Cm Fm6 (C bass) Cm Fm (C bass) Fm

love we make will live un-til we die. My life is yours ————— and all be -

mf

Cm C (G bass) G7sus G7 1. Cm 2. Cm

cause You came in - to my world with love so soft-ly, love. Speak soft-ly, love.

mp *rit.*