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(From the Paramount Picture "PAINT YOUR WAGON")

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Lyrics by
ALAN JAY LERNER

Music by
ANDRÉ PREVIN

Moderato with much feeling

Piano

The piano introduction is in 3/4 time, marked 'Moderato with much feeling'. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody starts on a middle C, moves to Bb, then A, and continues with a series of chords and single notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment. The dynamic marking 'mf' (mezzo-forte) is indicated at the beginning.

Verse

The first verse of the song is set in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The vocal melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment is written on two staves (treble and bass clef). Chord symbols are placed above the vocal staff: F, Bb, F, Dm, Gm, Dm, Am, Dm, Am. The lyrics are: "God made the moun-tains, God made the sky, God made the peo - ple, God — knows why. He fixed up the plan - et As best as He could; Then". The piano part includes a 'p' (piano) marking and a 'f' (forte) marking. A large, faint watermark is visible across the center of the page.

The second verse continues in the same 3/4 time and key signature. The vocal melody and piano accompaniment are shown. Chord symbols above the vocal staff are G, F, C7, F. The lyrics are: "in come the peo - ple And gum it up good." The piano part includes a 'mf' (mezzo-forte) marking.

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