



## *The Tale Of The Oyster*

Cole Porter

♪ Niveau 50/100 (Ambitieux)

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From "Fifty Million Frenchmen"

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Slowly

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with a long note on the first beat of the second measure, followed by a *rall.* (ritardando) section. The piece concludes with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

Moderately slow, rubato

*E<sub>b</sub>* *E<sub>b</sub>+*  *F<sub>m</sub>9* *B<sub>b</sub>9* *B<sub>b</sub>7* *E<sub>b</sub>* *E<sub>b</sub>maj7/B<sub>b</sub>*

Down by the sea lived a lone - some oys - ter, Ev - 'ry day get - ting

The first line of the song features a vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano part is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The lyrics are: "Down by the sea lived a lone - some oys - ter, Ev - 'ry day get - ting".

*F<sub>m</sub>9* *F<sub>m</sub>7* *A<sub>b</sub>m/B<sub>b</sub>* *E<sub>b</sub>* *E<sub>b</sub>+*  *F<sub>m</sub>9* *B<sub>b</sub>9*

sad - der and moist - er. He found his home life aw - f'ly wet And

The second line of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "sad - der and moist - er. He found his home life aw - f'ly wet And".