



## *Careless Love*

Nat King Cole

♪ Niveau 45/100 (Ambitieux)

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Moderato

Introduction for piano, marked Moderato. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody starts with a quarter note G, followed by a dotted quarter note A, and then a half note B. The bass line consists of a steady quarter-note pattern: G, B, D, G.

VERSE

First system of the verse. The vocal line is in G major. The lyrics are: "If I were a lit - tle bird I'd fly from / While I wore my poor heart out, While I". The piano accompaniment is in G major and 4/4 time. Chords are indicated below the bass line: G, D7, G, D7.

Second system of the verse. The vocal line continues: "tree to tree I'd build my nest way up in the / wore my poor heart out, While I wore my poor heart". The piano accompaniment continues with chords: G, Am7, D7, G, C6, G7, C.

Third system of the verse. The vocal line concludes: "air Where the bad boys could not both - er me. / out He al - ways passed right by my door." The piano accompaniment concludes with chords: A7, A7-5, Eb7, G, D7, G.