

From the musical *Man of La Mancha*

# THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

for S.S.A.A.voices and piano  
with optional SoundPax and SoundTrax CD\*

*Arranged by*  
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Performance time: approx. 3:30

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Music by MITCH LEIGH*

Moderately slow ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 63$ )

PIANO

4

SOPRANO I

SOPRANO II

ALTO I

ALTO II

E-flat/F      F<sup>7</sup>      F<sup>13</sup>      B-flat (add2)

7

dream,      to fight      the un-beat-a-ble foe,      to

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E-flat      Cm/E-flat

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10

bear with un - bear - a - ble sor - row, to  
bear with un - bear - a - ble sor - row, to  
Dm Cm<sup>7</sup>

12

run where the brave dare not go. To  
run where the brave dare not go. To  
Cm F<sup>7</sup>

14

right the un - right - a - ble wrong, to  
right the un - right - a - ble wrong, to  
B<sub>b</sub>(add2) B<sub>b</sub> Dm/F B<sub>b</sub>(add2) B<sub>b</sub> Dm/F

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16

love, \_\_\_\_\_ pure and chaste, from a - far, \_\_\_\_\_ to  
love, \_\_\_\_\_ pure and chaste, from a - far, to  
E♭maj⁹ E♭⁶ Gm/B♭ E♭maj⁹ E♭⁶ Gm/B♭

18

try \_\_\_\_\_ when your arms are too weary, \_\_\_\_\_ to  
try \_\_\_\_\_ when your arms are too weary, to  
Dm Cm

20

reach \_\_\_\_\_ the un-reach-a-ble star! \_\_\_\_\_ This is my quest, to fol-low that  
reach \_\_\_\_\_ the un-reach-a-ble star! \_\_\_\_\_ This is my quest, to fol-low that  
Cm F E♭/F B♭

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23

star, no mat - ter how hope-less, \_\_\_\_\_ no mat - ter how  
star, no mat - ter how hope-less, \_\_\_\_\_ no mat - ter how  
Gm Dm

25

far, to fight for the right with - out ques-tion or  
far, to fight for the right with - out ques-tion or  
E♭⁶ Gm

27

pause, to be will - ing to march in - to hell for a heav - en - ly  
pause, to be will - ing to march in - to hell for a heav - en - ly  
G♭ G♭⁺ B♭/F B♭⁺/G♭ Gm

29 cause! And I know, if I'll on - ly be  
cause! And I know, if I'll on - ly be

Ab Cm

30

31 true to this glo - ri - ous quest. That my  
true to this glo - ri - ous quest. That my

Ab D

33 heart will lie peace-ful and calm, when I'm laid to my  
heart will lie peace-ful and calm, when I'm laid to my

E $\flat$ 6 A $7(\#9)$  A $7(b9)$

rit.

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35 *mp*

rest, and the world will be bet - ter for

*mp*

rest, and the world will be bet - ter for

Ebm<sup>6</sup> F<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub>(add2) B<sub>b</sub> Dm/F

*mp*

37

this, that one man scorned and cov - ered with

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B<sub>b</sub>(add2) B<sub>b</sub> Dm/F Ebmaj<sup>9</sup> Eb<sup>6</sup> Gm/B<sub>b</sub>

39 *mf*

scars, still strove, with his last ounce of

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Ebmaj<sup>9</sup> Eb<sup>6</sup> Gm/B<sub>b</sub> Dm

*mf*

*a tempo*

*a tempo*

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41

cour-age, ————— to reach the un-reach-a-ble

*f*

rit.

12/8

cour-age, ————— to reach the un-reach-a-ble

Cm<sup>7</sup> Bb/F E<sub>b</sub>/F

12/8

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43 *a tempo* rit.

stars. This is my quest, to fol-low that

12/8

stars. This is my quest, to fol-low that

B<sub>b</sub> B<sub>b</sub>/A<sub>b</sub> F<sup>#</sup> E/F<sup>#</sup> B

12/8

*a tempo* rit.

12/8

45 star, no mat-ter how hope-less, ————— no mat-ter how

star, no mat-ter how hope-less, ————— no mat-ter how

G<sup>#</sup>m D<sup>#</sup>m

12/8

47

far, to fight for the right with-out ques-tion or  
far, to fight for the right with-out ques-tion or  
E<sup>6</sup> G♯m

49

pause, to be will-ing to march in - to hell for a heav - en - ly  
pause, to be will-ing to march in - to hell for a heav - en - ly  
G G+ B/F# B+/G G♯m

51

cause! And I know, if I'll on - ly be  
cause! And I know, if I'll on - ly be  
A C♯m

52

53

true to this glo - ri - ous quest,  
that my  
true to this glo - ri - ous quest,

A D<sup>#</sup>

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

55

heart will lie peace-ful and calm, when I'm laid to my  
my heart, when I'm laid to my

E<sup>6</sup> B<sub>b</sub>7(9) B<sub>b</sub>7(9)

*rit.*

*rit.*

*rit.*

57

rest, and the world will be bet-ter for  
rest, and the world will be bet-ter for

Em<sup>6</sup> F<sup>#</sup>7 C<sup>(add2)</sup>/G C/G Em/G

*mp*

*a tempo*

*mp*

*a tempo*

59 *mf*

this, that one man, scorned and cov - ered with

*mf*

this, that one man, scorned and cov - ered with

C(add2)/G C/G Em/G Fmaj7 F6 F/C

61

scars, still strove, with his last ounce of

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Fmaj7 F6 F/C Em

63 *molto rit.* *f*

cour - age, to reach the un - reach - a - ble

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Dm7 C/G Fmaj7/G Dm7/G F/G

*molto rit.* *f*

*a tempo*

stars, the un-reach-a - ble stars, the un-reach-a - ble stars, the un-reach-a - ble stars,

C C/B Am<sup>7</sup> C/G Fmaj<sup>9</sup> Am/E Dm<sup>11</sup> N.C.

*a tempo*

*molto rit.*

*a tempo*

*ff*

stars!

*ff*

stars!

C A<sub>b</sub>(add2)/C C A<sub>b</sub>(add2)/C C

*a tempo*

*ff*

*8va* |