

THE GREAT PRETENDER

Words and Music by
BUCK RAM

Moderately slow



mf



Oh, yes, I'm the great pre - tend - er, pre -



-tend - in' I'm do - in' well. My need is such, I pre -

Eb Eb/G Ab Fm7 Eb/Bb Fm/Bb Bb7 Eb Fm/Ab Eb/G Bb7/F
 -tend too much; I'm lone - ly, but no one can tell. Oh,

Eb Fm/Bb Bb7 Eb Eb7 Ab
 yes, I'm the great pre - tend - er, a - drift in a world of my -

Eb Eb7 Ab Bb7 Eb Eb/G Ab Fm7
 -own. I play the game, but to my real shame, you've -

E \flat /B \flat *tr* Fm/B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat *tr* E \flat 7 A \flat *tr*

-left me to dream all a-lone. Too real is this feel-ing of

Detailed description: This system contains the first two measures of the piece. The guitar part features chords E \flat /B \flat (with a trill), Fm/B \flat , B \flat 7, E \flat (with a trill), E \flat 7, and A \flat (with a trill). The piano accompaniment includes triplets in both the right and left hands. The lyrics are: "-left me to dream all a-lone. Too real is this feel-ing of".

E \flat *tr* E \flat 7 A \flat *tr*

make - be-lieve, too real when I feel what my

Detailed description: This system contains the next two measures. The guitar part features chords E \flat (with a trill), E \flat 7, and A \flat (with a trill). The piano accompaniment continues with triplets. The lyrics are: "make - be-lieve, too real when I feel what my".

E \flat /B \flat *tr* B \flat 7 E \flat *tr* Fm/B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat *tr* E \flat 7

heart can't con-ceal. Oh, yes, I'm the great pre-tend-er, just

Detailed description: This system contains the final two measures. The guitar part features chords E \flat /B \flat (with a trill), B \flat 7, E \flat (with a trill), Fm/B \flat , B \flat 7, E \flat (with a trill), and E \flat 7. The piano accompaniment continues with triplets. The lyrics are: "heart can't con-ceal. Oh, yes, I'm the great pre-tend-er, just".

Ab Eb Eb7 Ab Bb7

laugh - in' and gay like a clown. I seem to be what-I'm

Eb Eb/G Ab Fm7 Eb/Bb Fm/Ab G Bb7

not, you see; I'm wear - in' my heart like a crown, pre -

1. 2.

Ab Eb/G Fm/Ab Bb7 Eb F7 Fm/Bb Bb7 Eb

-tend - in' that you're still a - roun'. Oh, roun'.