

# 4 Books!

Music and Lyrics David Stanley

*During the song the mother receives more and more oversized books. The woodblocks represent knocking on the door as each book is delivered. The mother collects the books from the father and they place them at the foot of the crib. There is a stack of books crowding the baby by the tempo change.*

♩=88

Wood Block

*fff*

Piano

6

Voice

Aft - er the lea - flets tell - ing me whats wrong with you

W.B.

Pno.

11

Voice

what you will ne - ver do! — Then come the books which told — me who my ba - by was

W.B.

Pno.

15

Voice

what was in store for you!\_\_\_ Books that will help to make\_\_\_ it bet-ter on a

W.B.

Pno.

19

Voice

path I did-n't want to take\_\_\_ Books that will give con trol\_\_\_ and point out

Pno.

23

Voice

all the er-rors I will. make!\_\_\_ Lett-ers danc ing off\_\_\_ the page. It is caus-ing my head to spin!

Pno.

28

Voice

\_\_\_ Still ob-sess- ing still dis-tress-ing But a feel-ing I can't shake!\_\_\_

Pno.

33

Voice

Ner-vous-ly I take a book\_\_ to learn a-bout you search-ing for some light re-lief\_\_

W.B.

Pno.

37

Voice

Dee-per in my heart sinks e - v'ry lit-tle de tail Fill-ing me with yet more grief\_\_

W.B.

Pno.

41

Voice

Books that will help to make\_\_ it bet-ter on a path I did-n't want to take\_\_

W.B.

Pno.

45

Voice

Books that will give con-trol\_\_ and point out all the er-rors I will make!\_\_ Let-ters danc-ing off

Pno.

50

Voice

— the page— It is caus-ing my head to spin!— Still ob-sess- ing still dis-tress-ing

Pno.

55

Voice

But a feel-ing I can't shake!— Then as I gaze at all—the books in front of me

W.B.

Pno.

59

Voice

Some-thing be-gins to change Each litt-le word I read— is look-ing back at me

W.B.

Pno.

63

Voice

Call-ing me by my name! In my de-lu-sion all—the books are haunt-ing me,

W.B.

Pno.

67

Voice

words march-ing off the page! My dest-in - y is soon\_\_ to be con-front-ing me,

W.B.

Pno.

71

Voice

send-ing me more in - sane! Books that will help to make\_\_ it bet-ter on a

W.B.

Pno.

75

Voice

path I did-n't want to take\_\_ Books that will give con trol\_\_ and point out

Pno.

79

Voice

all the er-rors I will make!\_\_ Let-ters danc ing\_off\_\_ the page\_ It is caus-ing my head to spin!

Pno.

84

Voice

Still ob-sess- ing still dis-tress-ing Please don't let my bab-y wake!

Pno.

*The mother leaves the room..*

90  $\text{♩} = 60$

Inst. cue

(Solo Instrument Cue)

*pp*

Pno.

*pp*

3

*One by one and overseen by the narrator, different members of the company gently approach the cot and quietly say hello to the baby inside. They carefully remove the books from around the cot and place them around a stand, downstage left or right (well away from the crib). It is a very delicate moment with only whispers. Any noise receives a 'ssshhh' from the company.*

96

Inst. cue

3

Pno.

101

Inst. cue

Pno.

106

Inst. cue

Pno.

111

Inst. cue

Pno.

117

(different solo instrument)

Inst. cue

Pno.

122

Inst. cue

Pno.

*The mother returns*

127

Inst. cue

Pno.

132

Inst. cue

Pno.

137

Inst. cue

Pno.

*mp*

143

Inst. cue

Voice

Pno.

*cresc.*

*Narrator sings to the mother*

Here you are! if you could

147

Inst. cue

Voice

Pno.

*rit.*

on - ly hear his cry, List - en to his cry

SEGUE