## **FANCY**

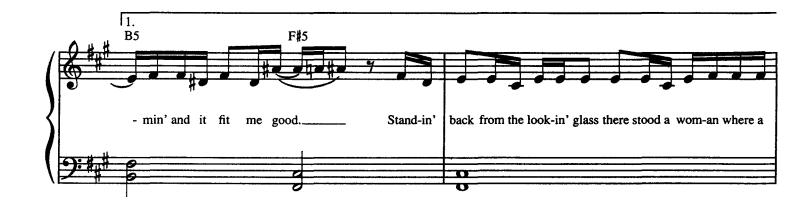
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Fancy - 5 - 1

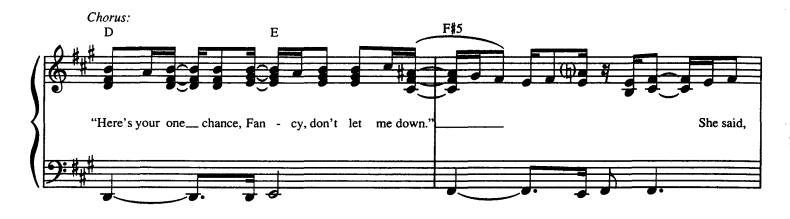


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Fancy - 5 - 4



## Verse 2:

Mama dabbed a little bit of perfume on my neck And she kissed my cheek. Then, I saw the tears wellin' up in her troubled eyes When she started to speak.

She looked at a pitiful shack,

And then she looked at me and took a ragged breath. She said, "Your Pa's run off and I'm real sick And the baby's gonna starve to death."

She handed me a heart shaped locket that said, "To thine own self be true."

And I shivered as I watched a roach crawl across The toe of my high heeled shoe.

It sounded like somebody else that was talkin', Askin', "Mama, what do I do?"

She said, "Just be nice to the gentlemen, Fancy, And they'll be nice to you."

(To Chorus:)

## Verse 3:

Well, that was the last time I saw my Ma, The night I left that rickety shack. The welfare people came and took the baby, Mama died and I ain't been back. But the wheels of fate had started to turn And for me there was no way out. And it wasn't very long 'til I knew exactly What my Mama'd been talkin' about.

I knew what I had to do but I made myself this solemn vow, That I's gonna be a lady someday, Though I didn't know when or how. I couldn't see spending the rest of my life With my head hung down in shame. You know, I might have been born just plain white trash, But Fancy was my name. (To Chorus:)

## Verse 4:

It wasn't long after a benevolent man Took me off the street.
And one week later I was pourin' his tea In a five room hotel suite.
I charmed a king, a congressman And an occasional aristocrat.
Then I got me a Georgia mansion In an elegant New York townhouse flat. And I ain't done bad.

Now, in this world there's a lot of self-righteous hypocrites That would call me bad,
And criticize Mama for turning me out,
No matter how little we had.
But though I ain't had to worry 'bout nothin'
For nigh on fifteen years,
I can still hear the desperation in my poor
Mama's voice ringin' in my ear.
(To Chorus:)