

Triste

Music and Lyrics Antonio Carlos Jobim

This delightful Bossa nova (another rhythm derived from Samba) was written by Jobim in 1956 while he was waiting for Frank Sinatra to begin a recording session. The title translates to "Sad", but the song really should sound playful and happy. Jobim wrote the lyrics in both English and Portuguese.

Performance notes: As in most bossanova style music the first and third beats in each bar need to be emphasised; on accordion this is accomplished by holding the bass note a little longer than the chord notes. Most importantly, this music relies on syncopation! In bar 4 we have the uncommon dynamic "n." which means "al niente" or "silence"—this gives the performer a moment for a registration change.

Moderately $\text{J}=160$

B_b Gm Cm F7

Sostenuto il basso sempre

ff M m n.

5 B_bM7 G_bM7 B7

Sad is to live in so - i - tude far from your

M M

10 B_bM7 Dm7 G7_b9 CM7 Am7 D7

tran-quil al - ti - tude. Sad is to know that no one ev -

M f M m 7

15 Gm A7^{#5} DM7 Em7 A7

- er can live on a dream that nev - er can be, will nev-er be. Dream

m 7 M m 7

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19 Dm7 G7 Cm7 F7 B_b B_bM7 B_b

er a-wake, wake up and see. Your beau - ty is an aer - o - plane
 m 7 M 1 2 1 2 5

24 E_b7 B_b B_bM7 Fm7 B_b7

so high, my heart can't bear the strain.
 1 2 1 M M 7

E_bM7 A^b7 Dm7 Gm7 C_b Cm7

mf A heart that stops when you pass by on - ly to cause me pain. mp Sad is to
 M 7 m 7 m 5

34 F7 B_bm7 B_b7 B_bm7 E_b7 B_bm7 E_b7 1. B_bm7 E_b7 2. B_bm7

live in so - i - ance. p_p
 7 m 7 m 7 m 7 m 7 m 5