

Mother to Son

Words: Langston Hughes

Music: Chris Rogers

♩ = 70

Soprano

Piano

mf

3

S.

Well, son, I'll tell you:

Pno.

mf

p

5

S.

Life for me ain't been no crys - tal

Pno.

6

S.

stair.

Pno.

mp

mf

7

S. *It's had tacks in it, And*

Pno. *p*

8

S. *splin - ters, And boards torn up,*

Pno.

9

S. *And*

Pno. *mf*

10

S. *pla - ces with no car - pet on the floor, Bare.*

Pno. *mp*

12 *mf*

S. *mf* But

Pno. *mf*

13

S. all the time I've been a - climb - in' on, And

Pno. *mp*

mp

14

S. reach - in' land - in's, And turn - in' cor - ners, And

Pno.

16 *p*

S. *p* some - times go - in' in the dark

Pno. *pp*

pp

17

S. *Where there ain't been no light.*

Pno.

p

19

S. *So,*

Pno.

f

mf

mf

21

S. *boy, don't you turn back Don't you*

Pno.

22

S. *set down on the steps, 'Cause you*

Pno.

23

S. finds it's kind - er hard.

Pno.

24

S. Don't you fall now For

Pno.

25 *mf*

S. I'se still go - in', ho - ney,

Pno. *p*

26

S. I'se still climb - in', And

Pno. rit

27 *mp* ♩ = 56

S. life for me ain't been no crys - tal stair.

Pno.