

THE RED DRESS

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Music written in 1984

67

1 Valse Lento $\text{♩} = 56$ (freely & richly)

Voice

Piano

rit. A Tempo, ma rubato

sempre legato con pedale
mp *mf*

5 *cd, f, g*

rit. A Tempo

I al - ways saw, I al - ways said, if I were grown and free,

chest

A Tempo

9

I'd buy a gown of red - dest red, as fine as you could see

chest

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13 *rit.* A Tempo ✓
to wear out walk - ing sleek and slow u - pon a sum - mer's day

17
and there'd be one to see me so, and flip the world a - way.

21 *rit.* A Tempo *mf*

25 *rit. breathe* **A Tempo** *poco rall.*

And he would be a gal-lant one with stars be-hind his eyes,

rit. **A Tempo** *mf colle voce*

29 *rit.* **A Tempo**

and hair like me-tal in the sun, and lips too warm for lies.

A Tempo

rit.

33 *rit.* **A Tempo** *recall* *start out soft*

I al-ways saw us gay and good, high ho-nored in the town;

rit. **A Tempo**

37

now I am grown to wo-man-hood. I have the

pp

41

sil - ly gown

g on top of pitch
FOLMS

RIBS

MF

mp

p

mf

45

A Tempo

f

mp