

SIXTEEN GOING ON SEVENTEEN

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Moderato e semplice

Piano

mf Legato

poco rit.

F G9 Gm7

You wait, lit - tle girl, on an emp - ty stage For fate to turn the

P tranquillo

F6 F G9

light on. Your life, lit - tle girl, is an emp - ty page That

Gm7 F6 A+ Dm C7

men will want to write on, to write on.

poco rit.

Refrain (*Assai moderato*)

F Fdim F Bb C7

1. You are six - teen, go - ing on sev - en - teen,
 2. I am six - teen, go - ing on sev - en - teen,

p with feeling and not fast

F Dm7 G9 C9

Ba - by, it's time to think! Bet - ter be - ware, be
 I know that I'm na - ive. Fel - lows I meet may

F Gm7 G7 C7 C+

can - ny and care - ful, Ba - by, you're on the brink!
 tell me I'm sweet and will - ing - ly I'll be - lieve.

mf

F Fdim F Bb C7 F

You are six - teen, go - ing on sev - en - teen, Fel - lows will fall in
 I am six - teen, go - ing on sev - en - teen, In - no - cent as a

p

Dm7 G9 C9 F

line. Ea - ger young lads and rou - és and cads will
 rose. Bach - e - lor dan - dies, drink - ers of bran - dies,

Gm7 C9 F Bb

of - fer you food and wine. To - tal - ly un - pro -
 what do I know of those? To - tal - ly un - pre -

mp

Bb(5b) F7 Bb

pared are you To face a world of men.
 pared am I To face a world of men.

Bb(5b) F D9

Tim - id and shy and scared are you of things be - yond your
 Tim - id and shy and scared am I of things be - yond my

G7 C7 F Fdim F Bb C7 Gm7 Cdim C7

ken. ken. You need some - one old - er and wis - er
 I need some - one old - er and wis - er

mf deciso

F Fdim F Bbm6 F Fdim F Bb

Tell - ing you what to do. I am sev - en - teen,
 Tell - ing me what to do. You are sev - en - teen,

mf

D7 D9 G9 Gdim 1.F

go - ing on eight - een, I'll take care - of you.
 go - ing on eight - een, I'll de - pend on

G9 C7 2.F Optional ending To Interlude and 3rd Refrain

you. you. A

mf

Interlude

F Gm7 C7 F

bell is no bell till you ring it, A song is no song till you

G7 F

sing it. And love in your heart was - n't

Fm6 F6

put there to stay, Love is - n't love till you

Gm7 C7 F7 F6 F+ F

give it a - way.

3rd Refrain (*Assai moderato*)

F Fdim F B \flat C7

When you're six - teen, go - ing on sev - en - teen,

F Dm7 G9 C9

Wait - ing for life to start, Some - bod - y kind who

F Gm7 G7 C7 C+

touch - es your mind will sud - den - ly touch your heart!

F Fdim F B \flat C7 F

When that hap - pens, af - ter it hap - pens, noth - ing is quite the

Dm7 G9 C9 F

same. Some - how you know you'll jump up and go if

Gm7 C9 F Bb

ev - er he calls your name! Gone are your old i -

Bb(5b) F7 Bb

deas of life, the old i - deas grow dim -

Bb(5b) F D9

Lo and be - hold! You're some - one's wife and you be - long to

G7 C9 F Fdim F B \flat C7 Gm7 Cdim C7

him! You may think this kind of ad - ven - ture

glass *mf* *deciso*

F Fdim F B \flat m6 F Fdim F B \flat

nev - er may come to you Dar - ling six - teen -

mf

D7 D9 G9

go - ing on sev - en - teen, Wait a

Gdim F

year or two.

mf