

I AM WHAT I AM

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Chord diagrams: F, Am, Bb, Gm7 3fr, C7

I am what I am, I am my own spe - cial cre - a - tion.

Chord diagrams: F, Am, Bb, Gm7 3fr, C7, F

So come, take a look, give me the hook or the o - va - tion. It's my

Chord diagrams: Dm7, F, C, F, Dm7

world that I want to have a lit - tle pride in; my world, and it's

B $\flat$ Gm7 C7 F Am

not a place I have to hide in. Life's not worth a damn till you can

B $\flat$ Gm7 C7 **a tempo** F E $\flat$ add9 D $\flat$ maj7

say 'I am what I am.'

F Am B $\flat$

I am what I am, I don't want praise, I don't want
I am what I am, and what I am needs no ex -

Gm7 C7 F Am B $\flat$

pi - ty. I bang my own drum, some think it's noise, I think it's
- cus - es. I deal my own deck, some-times the ace, some - times the

 3fr
 
 
 
 

pret - ty. ——— And so what — if I love each spark - le and each ban - gle,
 deuc - es. It's one life — and there's no re - turn and no de - pos - it,


  3fr
 
 

why not try to see things from a diff - 'rent an - gle. Your life is a
 one life, so it's time to op - en up your clo - set. Life's not worth a



 3fr



sham till you can shout out 'I am what I — am.' —
 damn till you can shout out



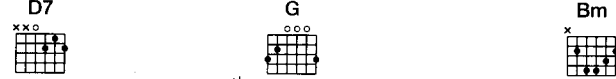

F



(1st time only)



1. 2. D7 G Bm



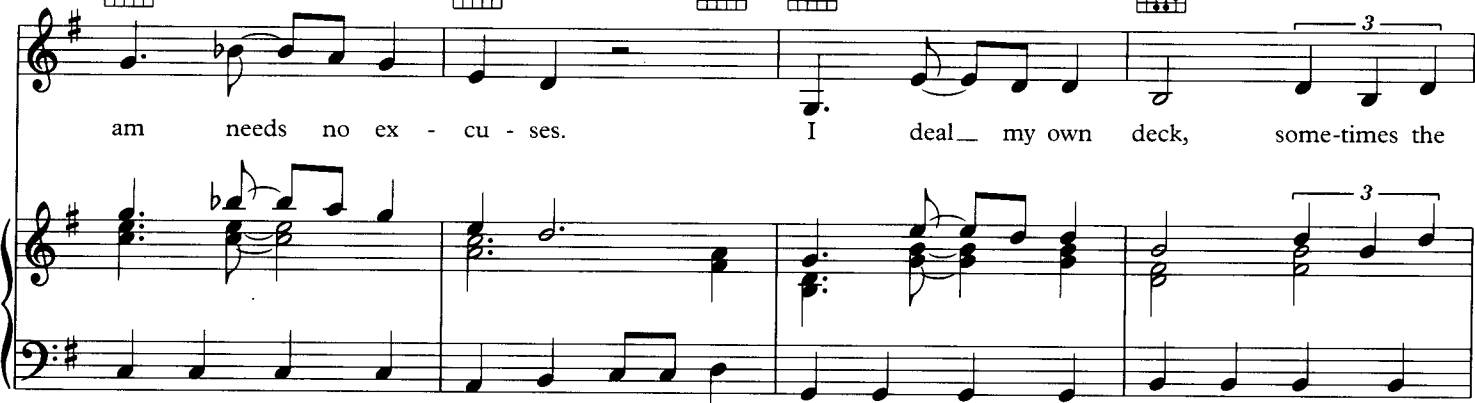
I am_ what I am, and_ what I



C Am7 D G Bm



am needs no ex - cu - ses. I deal_ my own deck, some-times the



C Am D G D/F#



ace, some - times the deuc - es. It's one life_ and there's



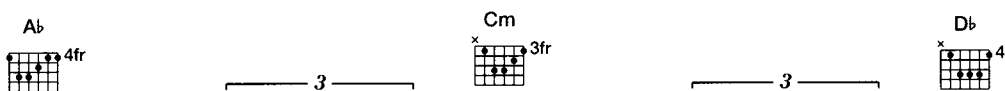
Em G Am D



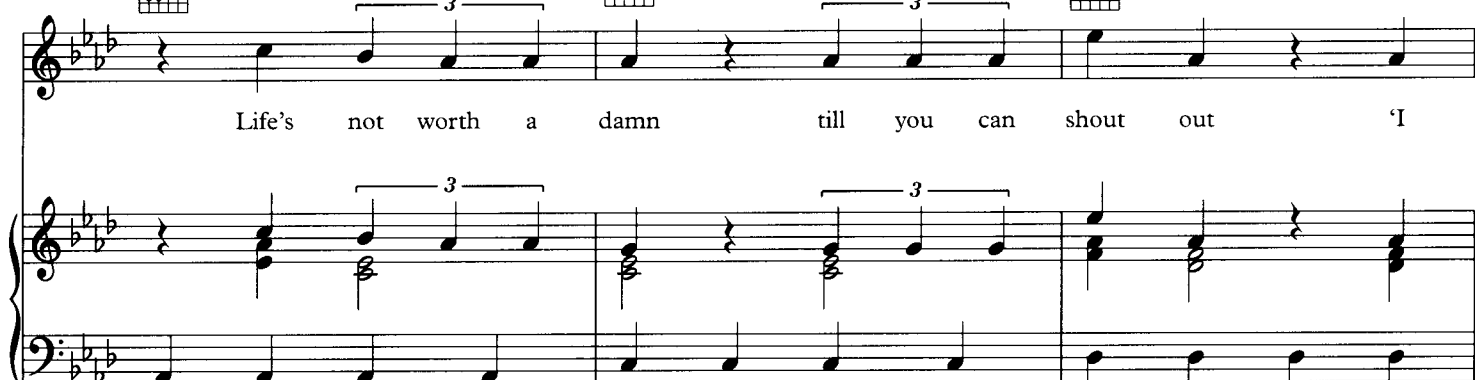
no re - turn and no de - po - sit. One life, so it's time to op - en up your clo - set.



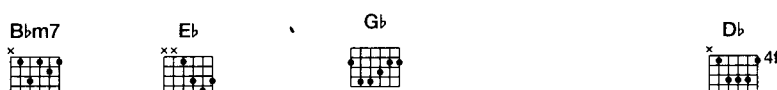
Ab Cm Db



Life's not worth a damn till you can shout out 'I



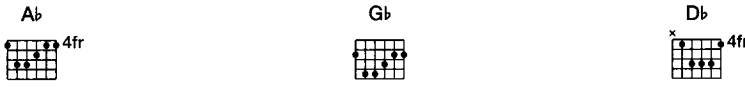
Bbm7 Eb Gb Db



am what_ I_ am.'



Ab Gb Db



repeat ad lib. to fade

