

On the Steps of the Palace

NARRATOR: As for Cinderella,
she returned from her final visit to the Festival.

Allegretto grazioso (♩ = 88)

CINDERELLA:

1 2 3

mp

He's a ver - y smart

("Celeste")

(Bass—harmonic)

(Piano)

mp

(Clarinet, Piano)

4 5

Prince, he's a Prince who pre -

6 7

pares. Know - ing this time I'd

("Celeste")

(Bass—harmonic)

(Piano)

(Clarinet, Piano)

8 9

run from him, he spread pitch on the

(Piano)

10 11 12

stairs. I was caught un - a - wares.

("Celeste")

(Piano)

(Piano, Viola—trem)

13 14 15

And I thought: well, he cares—

("Celeste")

(Piano)

(Piano, Viola—trem) (Cello)

16 17 18

This is more than just mal - ice.

19 20 21

Bet - ter stop and take stock while you're stand - ing here stuck on the steps of the

(Bass)

22 *2 times*

pal - ace. You think,

(Violins)

p (Clarinet)

(Piano, "Celeste")

(Cello, Bass)

24 what do you want? 25 You think, 26 make a de - ci - sion.

27 Why not 28 stay and be caught? You think, 29 well, it's a thought, what would

mp

30 be his re - sponse? 31 But then

(Violins)

(Clarinet)

(Piano, "Celeste")

(Cello, Bass)

32 what if he knew who you were when you know that you're not what he thinks that he

delicately (Flute)

p (Bells)

(Violas, Cello, Bass)

35 wants? 36 And then 37 what if you are

(Violins, Viola)

(Clarinet)

(Piano, "Celeste")

mp

(Cello, Bass)

38 39 40

what a Prince would en - vi - sion? Al-though

(Violins, Viola)
(Clarinet)
(Piano, "Celeste")
(Cello, Bass)

41 42 43

how can you know who you are till you know what you want, which you don't? So then

mf

44 45 46

which do you pick: where you're safe, out of sight, and your - self, but where ev - 'ry - thing's

delicately
(Flute)
p (Bells)
(Violas, Cello, Bass)

47 wrong? Or where

(“Celeste,” Violins, Viola)

(Clarinet)

(Piano)

p

(Cello, Bass)

49 ev - 'ry - thing's right and you know that you'll nev - er be -

(Flute)

p (Bells)

(Violas, Cello, Bass)

51 long? And which -

(Violins, Viola)

mp (Clarinet)

(Piano)

mp

(Cello, Bass)

53 54 55

ev - er you pick, do it quick, 'cause you're start - ing to stick to the steps of the

(Violins)

(Flute)

(Bells)

(Viola, Cello, Bass)

56 57

pal - ace. It's your

(Violins, Viola)

mp (Clarinet)

(Piano)

mp

58 59 60 61

first big de - ci - sion, the choice is - n't eas - y to make. To ar -

(Flute, Clarinet)

mp (Viola)

(Cello)

62 63

rive at a Ball is ex - cit - ing and all— Once you're

(Violins, Viola)

(Flute, Clarinet)

(Bassoon)

(Piano, Viola, Cello, Bass)

64 65

there, though, it's scar - y. And it's

66
fun to de - ceive when you know you can leave, but you have to be war - y.

(Flute, Clarinet)

69
There's a lot that's at stake, but you've stalled long e - nough 'cause you're

(Flute, Clarinet)

(Viola)

poco cresc.

(Bassoon, Cello, Bass)

72 cresc.
still stand - ing stuck in the stuff on the steps... Bet - ter

73

74 *mp* run a - long home and a - void the col - li - sion.

(Violins, Viola)
mp
(Clarinet)
(Piano, "Celeste")
mp
(Cello, Bass)

77 78 79 Ev - en though they don't care, you'll be bet - ter off there where there's

80 81 82 no - thing to choose, so there's no - thing to lose. So you

cresc.
cresc.

83 84 85

pry up your shoes. Then from

(Violins, Viola)

(Clarinet)

(Piano, "Celeste")

(Flute)

(Cello, Bass)

86 87 88

out of the blue, and with - out an - y guide,

(Flute, Bells)

mf

(Violins)

89 90 91

you know what your de - ci - sion is, which is not to de -

(Piano, "Celeste")
dolce

(Violin)

92 93 94 95

cide. You'll just leave him a clue: for ex - am - ple, a

("Celeste")

mp (Flute) *tr*

(Piano) *mp*

(Piano, "Celeste")

96 97 98 99

shoe. And then see what he'll do. Now it's he and not

("Celeste")

p (Bass—harmonic)

(Piano)

(Clarinet, Piano, Viola—trem)

100 101

you who is stuck with a shoe, in a stew,

("Celeste")

(Clarinet)

(Piano)

(Piano, Viola—trem)

(Cello, Bass)

102 in the goo, 103 and you've

("Celeste")

(Bass—harmonic)

(Piano)

(Piano, Viola—trem)

104 learned some - thing, too, 105 some - thing you nev - er knew, 106 *mf* on the steps of the

107 pal - ace. 108 109 110

(Violins, Viola)

(Clarinet)

(Piano, "Celeste")

(Flute, Clarinet, Violins)

(Horns, Violas)

(Cello, Bass)