

# FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE

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**Slowly** *mf*

**Freely**

Good - bye, old friend, this is the end of the

{ man } I used to be, 'cause there's been a strange and  
{ girl }

wel - come change in me. For

The musical score is presented in a standard format with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of two staves (treble and bass clef). The vocal line is on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chord diagrams are placed above the notes they accompany. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into sections: a slow introduction, a main section marked 'Freely', and a concluding section. The lyrics are: 'Good - bye, old friend, this is the end of the { man } I used to be, 'cause there's been a strange and { girl } wel - come change in me. For'. The chords listed are: Bb, Bb+, Eb/Bb (6fr), Cm7/F, F7, Bb, C9, F7, Bb, Bdim7, Cm7 (3fr), A/C#, Bb/D, Bb, Adim7, D7, Gm (3fr), Gm(maj7) (3fr), Gm7 (3fr), C7, Cm7 (3fr), and F7.

Slowly, with feeling

Bb Bb+ Bb6 Bdim7 Cm Ab/C

once in my life I have some - one who needs me, some - one I've need - ed so

F7 G7 Cm Ab/C F7 F7#5

long. For once, un - a - fraid I can go where life leads me and

Bb F7/C Bb/D Bb Bb6

some - how I know I'll be strong. For once I can touch what my

D+ Eb Cm Fm7 F7 Bbmaj7 Dm

heart used to dream of long be - fore I knew some - one warm like

Gm 3fr      Gm7 3fr      C7      Cm7 3fr      F7

you would make my dream come true. For

Bb      Bb+      Bb6      Bdim7      Cm 3fr      Ab/C 3fr

once in my life I won't let sor - row hurt me, not like it's hurt me be -

F7      G7      Cm 3fr      Ab/C 3fr      F7      F7#5

fore. For once I have some - thing I know won't de - sert me,

Bb      F7/C 3fr      Bb/D      Bb      Bb6

I'm not a - lone an - y - more. For once I can say this is

D+ Eb C9/E

mine, you can't take it, long as I know I have love, I can make it. For

1 Bb/F Bb+ Eb/Bb Cm7/F F7 Bb C9 F7

once in my life I have some - one who needs me. For

2 Bb/F Bb+ Cm7 F7 F#dim7 Gm C9

once I can feel that some - bod - y's heard my plea. For

Bb Bb+ Eb/Bb Cm7/F F7 Bb Gb/Bb Bb6/9

once in my life I have some - one who needs me.

*poco a poco rit.*