

# ONCE UPON A DECEMBER

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Misterioso ♩ = 138

Bm  
(Music box)

*mp*

(with pedal)

C#m7(+5) F#7 C#m7(+5) F#7

Bm

*p.*

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, featuring a music box texture. It consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system includes a dynamic marking of *mp* and the instruction '(with pedal)'. The second and third systems include chord changes: C#m7(+5) and F#7. The fourth system includes a dynamic marking of *p.* and a final Bm chord. The melody in the right hand is characterized by slurs and a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand.

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ANYA:

F#C# B7/D# Em Em/G

Danc - ing bears, paint - ed wings, things I

Bm/F# Em/G F#7 Bm F#C#

al - most re - mem - ber. And a song

B7/D# E Em/G Bm/F# F#7/A#

some - one sings, once up - on a De - cem -

Bm Em Em/B Bm Bm/F#

ber. Some - one holds me safe and warm.

C#m7(♯5) F#7 Bm B/D#

Hors - es prance through a sil - ver storm.

Em Em/B Bm Bm/D

Fig - ures danc - ing grace - ful - ly a -

C#7/G# G7(♯5) F# Em/F# Em6/F# Em7/F# F#

cross my mem - o - ry...

Cm RUSSIAN CHORUS: G/D C7/E Fm

Ah...

Fm/A<sup>b</sup> Cm/G Fm/A<sup>b</sup> G Cm/G G7

Cm G/D C7/E F

Fm/A<sup>b</sup> Cm/G D/F# G Cm/G G7

Cm G/D C7/E F

Fm/A<sup>b</sup> Cm/G G7/B Cm  
 Ab.

Fm ANYA: Fm/C Cm Cm/G  
 Some one holds me safe and warm.

*mf*

Dm7(+5) G7 Cm C/E  
 Hors es prance through a sil - ver storm.

Fm Fm/C Cm Cm/E<sup>b</sup>  
 Fig - ures danc - ing grace - ful - ly a -

D7/A                      A7(♯5)                      Dm7(♯5)/G                      G    GauG    G

*rall.*

cross my mem - o - ry...

*rall.*

C♯m *a tempo*                      G♯/D♯                      C♯7/E♯                      F♯m

Far a - way, long a - go,

*f a tempo*

F♯m/A                      C♯m/G♯                      F♯m/A                      G♯    C♯m/G♯    G♯7

glow - ing dim as an em - ber,

C♯m                      G♯/D♯                      C♯7/E♯                      F♯

things my heart used to know,

Detailed description: This is a page of sheet music for the song 'Once Upon a December'. It contains four systems of music. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The first system is in D minor and includes the lyrics 'cross my mem - o - ry...'. The second system is in C major and includes 'Far a - way, long a - go,'. The third system is in C major and includes 'glow - ing dim as an em - ber,'. The fourth system is in C major and includes 'things my heart used to know,'. Chord symbols are written above the vocal line. Performance markings such as 'rall.', 'a tempo', and 'f' are present. The piano accompaniment features a consistent eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand.

*F*<sup>♯</sup>*m*/*A*      *C*<sup>♯</sup>*m*/*G*<sup>♯</sup>      *G*<sup>♯</sup>7/*B*<sup>♯</sup>      *C*<sup>♯</sup>7/*B* *rit.*

things it yearns to re - mem - ber...

*rit.*

*F*<sup>♯</sup>*m* *a tempo*      *F*<sup>♯</sup>*m*/*C*<sup>♯</sup>      *C*<sup>♯</sup>*m*      *C*<sup>♯</sup>*m*/*B*      *A*<sup>♯</sup>*m*7(♯5) *poco ritard.*

*mp* And a song some - one sings,

*mp a tempo*      *poco ritard.*

*A bit slower*  
*F*<sup>♯</sup>*m*/*A*      *C*<sup>♯</sup>*m*/*G*<sup>♯</sup>      *G*<sup>♯</sup>7 *sus* *poco ritard.*      *G*<sup>♯</sup>

once up - on a De - cem

*poco ritard.*

*C*<sup>♯</sup>*m* *a tempo*      *rit.*

ber.

*p a tempo*      *rit.*