

We Thought We'd Lost You, Johnny

soprano, mezzo, piano

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It features a soprano line, a mezzo line, and a piano accompaniment. The tempo starts at 108 bpm, slows to 90 bpm with a 'rit ...' marking, and returns to 108 bpm with an 'a tempo' marking. The piano part begins with a mezzo dynamic and includes triplets and a final triplet with an accent. The lyrics are: 'We thought we'd lost you John-ny The day you we - nt a - way — And moved in with a - no - ther lad A boy we knew — was gay A house with just one bed - room A room with just one'.

mf

rit ... *a tempo*

mezzo:

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John-ny The day you we - nt a - way — And moved in with a - no - ther lad A

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boy we knew — was gay A house with just one bed - room A room with just one

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sop: ┌ 3 ┐

molto rit ...

bed Oh John-ny, we asked in our an-guish: Why not a girl-friend in - stead?

21

thought we'd lost you John-ny We thought you'd go - ne too far ————— We'd

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hoped our son was a man's — ma - n And that's just what you are ————— We

29

could-n't un-der - stand it Good God! Why us? we'd pray ——— Oh John-ny, we asked in our

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molto rit ...

an-guish What will the neigh - bours say? ——— Tell me

What will the neigh - bours say?

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rit ...

what will the neigh - bours say? What will the neigh - bours, what will the neigh - bours,

What will they say? ——— What will they say? The neigh - bours?

43

slower

what will the neigh - bours say? We thought we'd lost you John - ny We thought we'd lo - st a

what will the neigh - bours say? We thought we'd lost you John - ny ——— We thought we thought we'd

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son — But now we fond-ly re-a-li - se we've gained a - no-ther one — You

lost a son But now we fond-ly re - a-li - se we've gained a - no - ther one You

53

slow - ly — won us o - ver We un - der-stand — your fate Oh

slow - ly won us o - ver We un - der - stand your fa - te Oh

57

John-ny, we love you, but Je - sus We hope your sis-ter's straight Oh we

John - ny, we love you, but Je - sus We hope your sis-ter's Oh your sis-ter, we

61

hope your sis - ter's straight We hope your

hope Oh we hope your sis - ter's straight We

65

sis - ter, we hope your sis - ter, we hope your sis - ter's straight mate!

hope your sis - ter, we hope your sis - ter, we hope your sis - ter's straight mate!