

LIVING FOR THE CITY

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Moderate

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line. The tempo is marked 'Moderate' and the dynamic is 'mf'.

1. A boy is born _____ in Hard-time, Mis-sis-sip-pi,
2. His fa-ther works _____ some days for four-teen ho-urs

The piano accompaniment for the first verse continues the melodic and harmonic themes established in the introduction, supporting the vocal lines.

sur-round-ed by _____ four walls that ain't so pret-ty. _____ His par-ents give _____ him
and you can bet _____ he bare-ly makes a dol-lar. _____ His mo-ther goes _____ to scrub

The piano accompaniment for the second verse continues the melodic and harmonic themes, providing a steady accompaniment for the vocal lines.

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love and af - fec - tion to keep him strong mov - in'
 the floors - for man - y, and you'd best be-lieve she

in the right - di - rec - tion, Liv - ing just e - nough just
 hard-ly gets a pen - ny,

e - nough for the cit - y. Yeah,

Interlude

Da Ba Da Da Da Da Da Da

The musical score consists of several systems. The first system shows guitar chords Eb, Db, and Db7 (B bass) above a vocal line with 'Da' syllables and piano accompaniment. The second system continues with chords Bb, Ab (4 fr.), and G, ending with 'To Coda' and 'D. S. al Coda' markings. The third system is the Coda, marked with a Coda symbol and 'Repeat and Fade', containing the lyrics 'Liv - ing just e - nough for the ci - ty.' The piano accompaniment includes various rhythmic patterns and chord voicings throughout.

3. His sister's black but she is sho'nuff pretty.
 Her skirt is short but Lord her legs are sturdy to walk to school
 She's got to get up early, her clothes are old; but never are they dirty.
 Living just enough, just enough for the city.
4. Her brother's smart, he's got more sense than many.
 His patience's long but soon he won't have any. To find a job
 Is like a haystack needle, 'cause where he lives they don't
 Use colored people. Living just enough, just enough for the city.