

# NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT

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*Moderato*

The score consists of three systems of music. The first system is an instrumental introduction in G major, marked *Moderato* and *mf*. The second system features the vocal melody with lyrics: "The man who on - ly lives for mak - ing mon - ey Lives a life that is - n't". The piano accompaniment is marked *p*. The third system continues the vocal melody with lyrics: "nec - es - sa - ri - ly sun - ny. Like - wise the man who works for fame,". The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line: G, Em7 Em6 Am7 D7 G, Em7 Am7 D7 B+5 B Em Am7. D7 Gmaj7 G6.

*mf*

*p*

G Em7 Em6 Am7 D7 G

The man who on - ly lives for mak - ing mon - ey Lives a life that is - n't

*p*

Em7 3 Am7 D7 B+5 B Em Am7. D7 Gmaj7 G6

nec - es - sa - ri - ly sun - ny. Like - wise the man who works for fame,

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D Fdim Em7 A7 D9

There's no guar - an - tee that time won't e - rase his name.

D9+5 D7+5 G Em7 Em6 Am7 D7

The fact is, the on - ly work that real - ly brings en - joy - ment

G G(F#bass) Em6 F#7 Bm Bm7 Bdim Em6

Is the kind that is for girl and boy meant, Fall in love you won't re - gret it,

Bm E7-9 Am9 Cm6 D7 G6 Am6

That's the best work of all if you can get it.

Refrain: (smoothly)

B7+5 E9 A7+5 D9 G7 C9 A9 A7-9

Hold - ing hands at mid - night 'Neath a star - ry sky,

*p - mf*

G G6 Am7 G C6 G Edim D11 G

Nice Work - If You Can Get It, And you can get it if you try. —

B7+5 E9 A7+5 D9 G7 C9 A9 A7-9

Strol - ling with the one girl, Sigh - ing sigh af - ter sigh,

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G G6 Am7 G C6 G Edim D11 G

Nice Work. If You Can Get It, And you can get it if you try. —

Em C9+11 C9 Em Em7 A9

Just im-ag - ine some - one — Wait - ing at the cot - tage door,

Dm Em7 A7+5 D G F#7-5

Where two hearts be - come one — Who could ask for an - y - thing more?

B7+5 E9 A7+5 D9 G7 C9 A9 A7-9

Lov - ing one who loves you, And then tak - ing that vow,

*p*

hold out

G G6 Am7 G F7-5 E7 Am9 D11 C7

Nice Work\_ If You Can Get It, And if you get it, Won't you tell me

*f*

1. G Em7 Am6 C+5 2. G F+5 Eb7 D7+5 G6/9

how? how?

*mf*