

I Would Not Die At All

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Parody on "I Would Not
Die in Springtime" by
Stephen Foster

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Music is Carnival of Venice

Allegro non troppo

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody in 6/8 time, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes with grace notes. The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

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1. I would not die in spring-time When riv - er shad a -
3. I would not die in au - tumn, When game is on the

Sempre legato

Measures 8-13 of the song. The vocal line begins at measure 8 with a whole rest, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern. Chord symbols F, C7, and C7 are indicated above the vocal staff.

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bound; And her - ring cleave the wa - ters, While flow' - rets deck the
wing, And kind - ly fruits are blush-ing, If they could do that

Measures 14-17 of the song. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note accompaniment. Chord symbols F, F, C7, and C7 are indicated above the vocal staff.

18 F F C7 C7

ground, ____ When 'spar - a - gus ____ is sprout-ing, And rad - ish - es are
thing. ____ When trees ____ be - gin ____ to mur - mur, And change the garb of

22 F F C7 C7

red; ____ When win - ter, blus - t'ring win - ter, Hides ____ his di - min - ished
green; ____ There's some - thing sad, ____ yet pleas-ant, In ____ such a qui - et

26 F F C7 C7

head. ____ I would not die in spring-time When riv - er shad a -
scene. ____ I would not die in au - tumn, When game is on the

30 F7 F C7 C7

bound, And her - ring cleave the wa - ters, While flow' - rets deck the
wing, And kind - ly fruits are blush-ing, If — they could do that

34 F

ground. —
thing. —

39 F C7 C7 F

2. I would not die in sum - mer, The — sun is far too hot, And
4. I would not die in win - ter, When sleigh bells jin - gle round; And

44 F C7 C7 F

trout and perch are swim-ming And cat - fish go to pot. The
mer - ry girls are laugh-ing, While lis' - ning to their sound. There's

48 F C7 C7 F

new mown hay smells sweet-ly, And straw - ber - ries are nice When
pleas - ure in the mu - sic, That fills the light - ed hall; I

52 F C7 C7 F

mixed with cream and sug-ar, And frost - ed o'er with ice. I
fact, I have con - clud-ed, I would not die at all. There's

56 F C7 C7 F7

would not die in sum-mer, The sun is far too hot, And
pleas - ure in the mu - sic, That fills the light - ed hall; I

60 F C7 C7 F

trout and perch are swim-ming And cat - fish go to pot. _____
fact, I have con - clud-ed, I would not die at all. _____

64 D.S.