

The Best Of Times

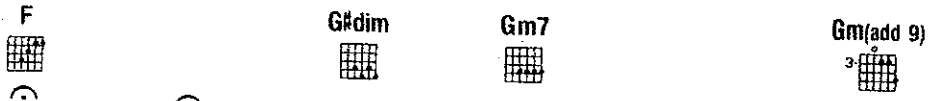
Words and Music
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Simply



Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff with a piano (*mp*) dynamic marking.

F G#dim Gm7 Gm(add 9)



Chord diagrams for F, G#dim, Gm7, and Gm(add 9) chords.

The best of times is now.

mf

C9 Fdim Fmaj7



Chord diagrams for C9, Fdim, and Fmaj7 chords.

What's left of summer but a faded rose?

The best of times is now. —

Musical notation for the first system, including vocal line and guitar accompaniment.

Gm7-5

C9

Fmaj7

F7

F6

F+



As for to - mor - row, well, who knows? Who knows? Who

Musical notation for the second system, including vocal line and guitar accompaniment.

F

C/E

Ddim

Gm7



knows? So hold this mo - ment fast —

Musical notation for the third system, including vocal line and guitar accompaniment.

C9

Fdim

Fmaj7



and live and love as hard as you know how. —

Musical notation for the fourth system, including vocal line and guitar accompaniment.

D7-9 Gm/E F#dim Gm(+7) Gm7

And make this moment last

Gm7-5 C9 F Bb/F

be - cause the best of times is now, is now, is

F Bb Bb+

now. Now, *Brighter*

Bb6 C7 Am Am(+7)

not some for - got - ten yes - ter - day.

Am7



Am6



Dm



Dm(+7)



Now,

Dm7



G7



Gm



E^b/G



to - mor - row is too far a - way.

rit.

C7



F



C/E



G[#]dim



Gm(add 9)



So hold this mo - ment fast,

mf

a tempo (More spirited)

C9



Fdim



Fmaj7



and live and love as hard as you know how.

D7-9

Gm(+7)

Gm9

And make this mo - ment last

Gm7-5

C9

F

Bb/F

be - cause the best of times is now, is now.

F

Am7

Eb7

D7

G/D

D

C#dim

now. *molto ritard.* The best of

Am7

D7sus

D7

times is now. What's left of sum - mer but a

Slower

F#/G **G6** **Bm7-5** **F/E** **Bm7-5/E**

fad - ed rose? The best of

Am9 **Am7** **Am7-5** **D7**

times is now. As for to - mor - row, well,

G6 **G/D** **Am/D** **G/D**

knows? Who knows? Who knows? So hold this

Am7 **D7sus**

mo - ment fast and live and love as hard as

a tempo

G Bm7-5 F/E E7-9

you know how. And make this

Am(+7) Am7 Am7-5 D7

mo - ment last be - cause the best of times is

G C/G G Cmaj7/G

now. is now, is now, is now, is

rit. poco a poco

Bb Ab G6

now.