

# Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'

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Moderately bright

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment.

**System 1:** The piano accompaniment starts with a *mf* dynamic. The first measure has a D/E chord, the second an E chord, and the third a D/E chord. The bass line features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

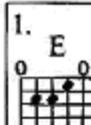
**System 2:** The vocal line begins with the lyrics: "I said you wan-na be start-in' some-thin', you got \_\_\_ to be start-in' some-thin'. I said you". The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line and has a "No chord" instruction above the first measure of the second system.

**System 3:** The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "wan - na be start - in' some - thin', you got \_\_\_ to be start - in' some - thin'. It's too high \_\_\_". The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line.

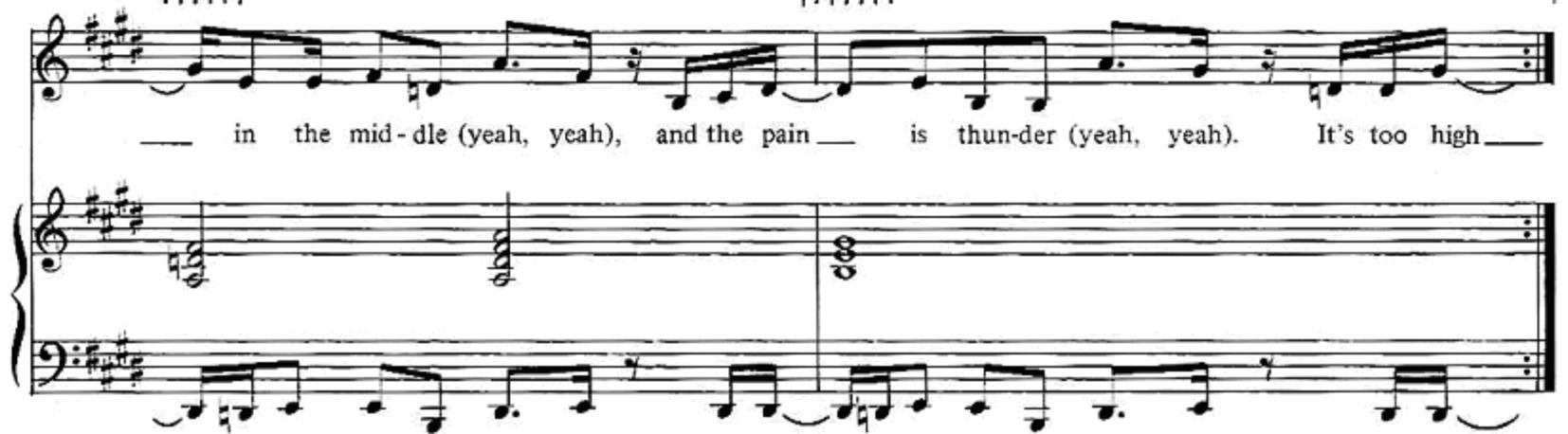
D/E  E 

— to get o - ver (yeah, yeah), too low — to get un - der (yeah, yeah). You're stuck —



D/E  1. E 

— in the mid - dle (yeah, yeah), and the pain — is thun - der (yeah, yeah). It's too high —



2. E  N.C.

— is thun - der (yeah, yeah). I took my — ba - by to the doc - tor with a  
 — to pre - tend that you're — good when you're  
 — is al - ways talk - in' when no -  
 — feed your ba - by, then



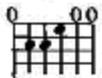
fe - ver, but noth - ing he\_\_ found. By the time\_\_ this hit the street,\_\_ they said\_\_  
 al - ways\_\_ up to no\_\_ good. You real - ly\_\_ can't make him hate\_\_ her, so your  
 bod - y\_\_ else is talk - in', tell - in' lies\_\_ and rub - bin' shoul - ders, so they  
 don't have a ba - by. And don't\_\_ think may - be, if you

D/E



— she had\_\_ a break - down. Some - one's al - ways try - in' to start\_\_  
 tongue be - came\_\_ a ra - zor. Some - one's al - ways try - in' to keep\_\_  
 call her mouth\_\_ a mo - tor. Some - one's al - ways try - in' to start\_\_  
 can't feed your ba - by. You'll\_\_ be al - ways try - in' to stop\_\_

E



D/E



— my ba - by cry - in'. Talk - in', squeal - in', ly - in', say - in' you\_\_  
 — my ba - by cry - in'. Treach - er - ous, cun - nin', de - clin - in'. You  
 — my ba - by cry - in'. Talk - in', squeal - in', spy - in', say - in' you\_\_  
 — that child from cry - in'. Hust - lin', steal - in', ly - in'. Now

N.C.

— just wan - na be start - in' some - thin'.  
 got my ba - by cry - in'.  
 — just wan - na be start - in' some - thin'.  
 ba - by's slow - ly dy - in'.

I said you wan - na be start - in' some - thin', you got —

— to be start - in' some - thin'. I said you wan - na be start - in' some - thin', you got —

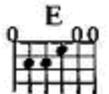
D/E

— to be start - in' some - thin'. It's too high — to get o - ver (yeah, yeah), too low —

E

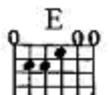
D/E

— to get un - der (yeah, yeah). You're stuck — in the mid - dle (yeah, yeah), and the pain —

E  D/E 

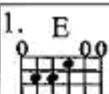
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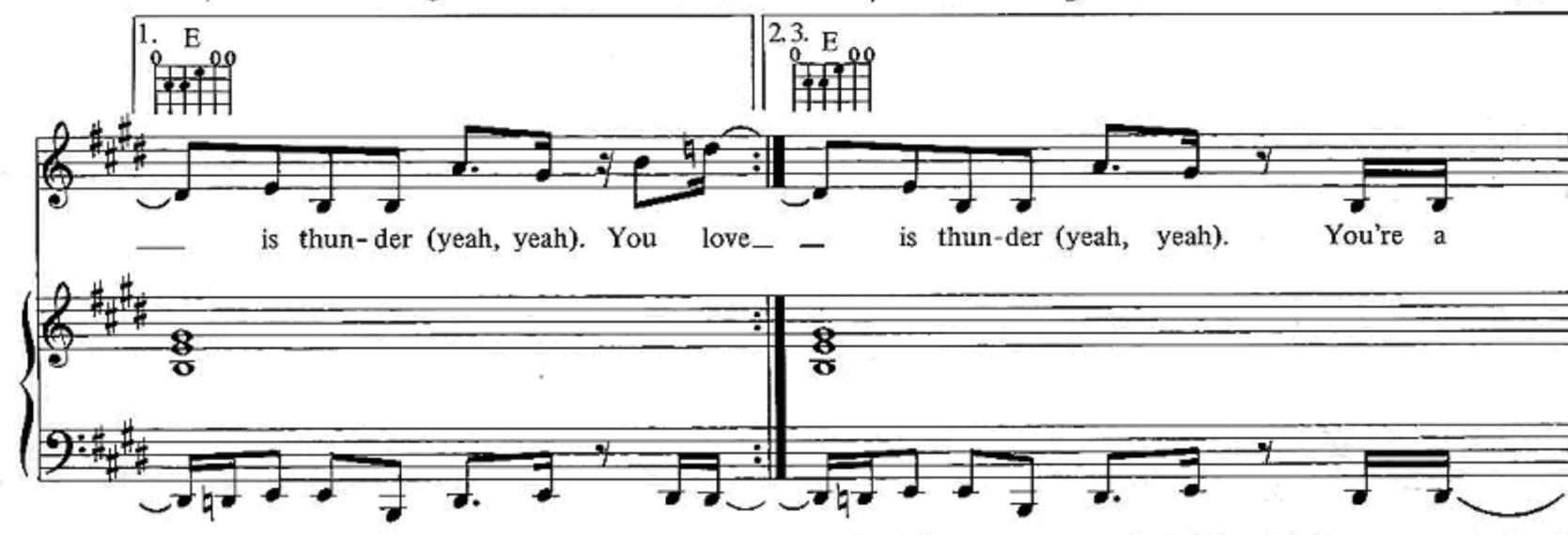
E  D/E 

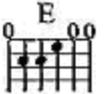
— to get un - der (yeah, yeah). You're stuck— in the mid - dle (yeah, yeah), and the pain—



1. E  2.3. E 

— is thun-der (yeah, yeah). You love— — is thun-der (yeah, yeah). You're a



D/E  E 

veg' - ta - ble,— you're a veg' - ta - ble. Still they



D/E E D/E

hate you. — You're a veg' - ta - ble. — You're a buf - fet, — you're a

E D/E E

veg' - ta - ble. — They eat off — of you. You're a veg' - ta - ble.

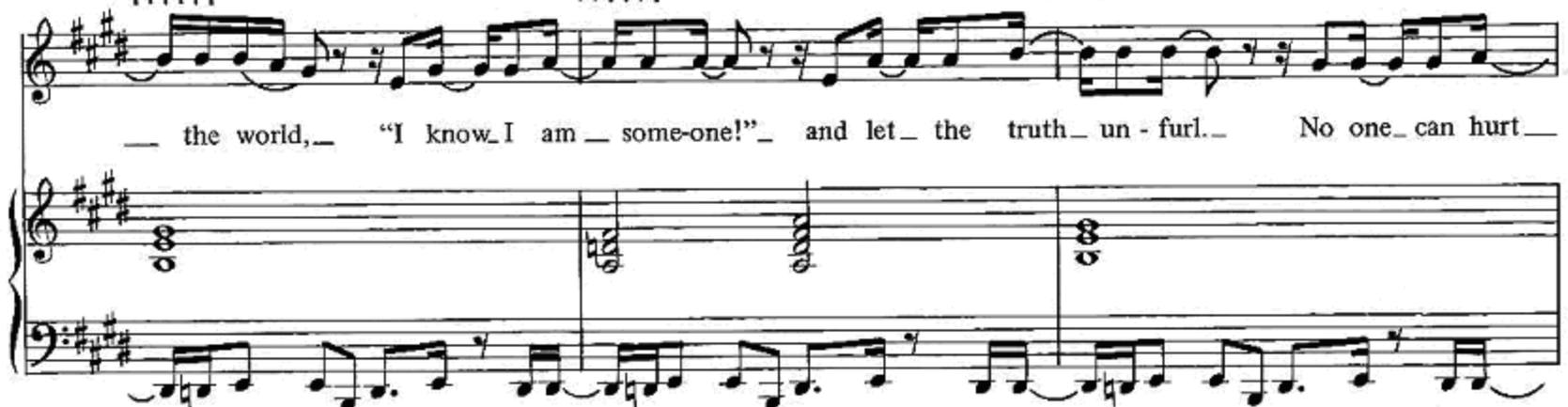
N.C.

4. E D/E

{ Bil - lie Jean — is thun - der (yeah, yeah). Lift your head — up high — and scream out to —  
If you can't.

E  D/E  E 

— the world, — “I know I am — some-one!” — and let — the truth — un - fur — No one — can hurt —



D/E  E 

— you now — be - cause you know — what's true. — Yes, I — be - lieve —



D/E  E  *Repeat and fade*  
D/E 

— in me, — so you be - lieve — in you. — Help — me sing — it.



E  D/E  E 

