

# ONCE UPON A DECEMBER

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Misterioso ♩ = 138

The musical score is written for piano in the key of B major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The tempo is marked 'Misterioso' with a quarter note equal to 138 beats per minute. The score includes lyrics and chord symbols above the notes. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 below the notes. A 'Coda' symbol is present at the end of the fourth system.

**System 1:** Chords: Bm (4 1), F#, B7, Em. Lyrics: Danc - ing bears, paint - ed wings, Far a - way, long a - go, *p*

**System 2:** Chords: Bm, Em (3), F#7. Lyrics: things glow - ing I al - most re - mem - ber. dim as an em - ber,

**System 3:** Chords: Bm (4 2), F#, B7 (2 1), E. Lyrics: And things a my song heart some used - one to sings know,

**System 4:** Chords: Em (5), Bm, To Coda ⊕ F#7, Bm. Lyrics: once things up it - on years a De - cem - ber. to re -

Em 5 3 Bm

Some - one holds me safe and warm.

4 2 1 5 5

C#m7(b5) 4 2 F#7 Bm B

Hors - es prance through a sil - ver storm.

5 2 5 2

Em 5 3 Bm 3

Fig - ures danc - ing grace - ful - ly a -

4 2 5 5

C#7 2 1 G7(b5) F# D.C. al Coda

cross my mem - o - ry.

5 1 5 3 2

♩ Coda

F# 1 B7 Em 3 1

mem - ber... And a song

*rit. e dim.* *mp a tempo*

Bm 3 Bm7 Bm(b7)

some - one sings

*rit.*

Em 5 Bm F#7 4 2

once up - on a De - cem -

*mp a tempo*

Bm

ber.

*p* *rit.* *pp*