

She Stays

Lyrics by Geoffrey Goldberg

Music by Karl Hinze

STANLEY snatches the screen door open and lifts STELLA off her feet and bears her into the dark flat.
BLANCHE comes out on the upper landing in her robe and slips fearfully down the steps.

Breathless ♩ = 160

BLANCHE, almost whispering:

Stel-la, Stel-la, where is my lit-tle sis-ter? Stel-la? I am here. I am here for you. My pre-cious lit-tle

mf, menacing and anxious *p*

4

Rit.

Freely ♩ = 64 - 72

Stel-la sis-ter I am here for... Where did she... Did she... She___ stays. Though he

mp

8

hurts her. She___ stays. Though she knows it is - n't right. Though he

pp

11

treats her like_ a wo - man ne - ver should_ be. And he beats her_ just to let her know that he's

mp

14

— a man.. She does-n't go, she stays. In the dark - ness. Like a

f *p sub.*

17

child she is cry - ing in his arms. And if on - ly she could see that this is not

mp

20

— who she was raised to be. A com - mon man could ne - ver love a prop - er wo - man prop - er - ly. She'll ne

mp *f*

23

Colla voce

- ver know the ten - der - ness, the po - e - try, or how to love like I do.

p

26 *freely*

Love is let - ters. You can hold it in your hand.

pp *ppp* *8va*

29

Love is ma-gic. Love is de-ca - dent and grand. Love is kind-ness, it is

pp *ppp* *8va* *mf*

33

young. You may ne - ver see_ it com - ing till_ it hits_ you_ And it

p *mp*

36

hits you and_ it hurts you and_ it screams_ your name, you hear it and_ you_ stay. In the

mp *f* *p sub.*

39

sha-dows. She won't step in - to the light. E - ven

pp *mp* *pp*

42

though the signs all point in one di - re - ction, still she hides, a-voids the truth in her re - flect-

mp *mp*

45

- ion. For it's all she's e - ver known she can - not hide she can - not... and

f

48 **Molto rit.** **A tempo** **Rit.** **MITCH:**
Miss DuBois?

so... She stays...

f *ff* *p sub.* *ppp*

15^{ma}