

I'LL CHANGE THE THORNS TO ROSES

WORDS AND MUSIC BY
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IF
IF

LIFE WERE ON—LY SUN—SHINE, My SUN—SHINE WOULD BE you. IF
NIGHT TIME WERE THE DAY TIME, My SUN OF LOVE you'D BE. IF

LIFE WERE ON—LY SUM—MER, you'D BE my SUM—MER TOO. FOR
WIN—TER WERE THE MAY TIME, IN you THE SPRING I'D SEE. My

LOVE HAS SUCH A MA—GIC, WHOSE PO—WER WILL BE KNOWN, WHEN
FOND HEART STILL WILL GUIDE YOU, THOUGH SKIES GROW DARK A—BOVE, I'LL

I AM YOUR LOVE ON—LY AND YOU'RE MINE A—LONE. I'LL
AL—WAYS BE BE—SIDE YOU, YOU'RE MY STAR OF LOVE. I'LL

CHORUS

CHANGE THE THORNS TO RO—SES, I'LL MAKE YOUR LIFE A DREAM. AND

Handwritten musical score for the first system. The vocal line is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb). The lyrics are: "THEN, UN-TIL LIFE CLO—SES, YOUR DAYS WILL GOL—DEN SEEM. I'LL". The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: a right-hand staff with a treble clef and a left-hand staff with a bass clef. The piano part features chords and a melodic line in the left hand.

Handwritten musical score for the second system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "MAKE YOUR WORLD A GAR—DEN, YOU'RE ALL I'm LI—VING FOR. I'LL". The piano accompaniment continues with similar chordal and melodic textures.

Handwritten musical score for the third system. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics: "CHANGE THE THORNS TO RO—SES, TO BLOOM FOR—EV—ER MORE. I'LL MORE." The piano accompaniment includes first and second endings, indicated by "1." and "2." above the staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.