

Tuning

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TUNING

(this is a song about old radio dials)

In Schenectady . . .
 In Schenectady storm coats fruit drinks
 In Schenectady harsh tones who knows
 In Schenectady bees drink beer

But I'm tuning
 I'm tuning

Hilversum is silver
 Wide smile women
 This is not a pipe
 My line passes through hums
 Cuts the crackle

I'm tuning
 I'm tuning

Such noise in Luxembourg
 Such light and sound
 Monte Carlo dreaming
 Spritzer mist, tight curves
 GI's in Frankfurt got big bullets

I'm tuning
 I'm tuning

Pushing at Leipzig
 The line ends here
 Knife nights
 Cruel tongues
 Lights out

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B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A.
 In Sche - nec - ta - dy... Bees drink beer. But I'm *mp*

Pno.
mp

Kbd.
sw

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.



21 **A** Più mosso

B. Cl.
pp

C. A. Cl.
pp

A.
 tu - ning, tu - ning, tu - ning, tu - ning, tu - ning... I'm tu -

Pno.

Kbd.
piano
p
sw

Vln. I
A

Vla.

Vc.

44 C Più mosso

B. Cl. *p*

C. A. Cl. *p*

A. *mp*
hums. But I'm tu - ning, tu - ning, tu - ning,

Pno. *mp*

Kbd. *p*

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.

52 poco rit.

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A. tu - ning, tu - ning, I'm tu - ning, tu - ning, I'm tu - ning.

Pno.

Kbd. *piano* *p*

Vln. I *p* poco rit.

Vla. *p*

Vc.

62 **D** Tempo primo

B. Cl. *f*

C. A. Cl. *f*

A.
Such noise in Lu - xem - burg.. Such light and

Pno. *f*

Kbd. *mf* organ

Vln. I **D** *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*



65

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A.
sound, Mon - - te Car - lo drea - ming,___

Pno.

Kbd.

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.

68 freely

B. Cl. *p*

C. A. Cl. *p*

A. Sprit - - zer mist, tight curls. G. Is in Frank-furt got bigbul lets. But I'm

Pno.

Kbd. *bass*

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.

72 accel. A tempo

B. Cl. *pp*

C. A. Cl. *pp*

A. tu - - ning, tu - ning, tu - ning, tu - ning, tu -

Pno. *pp*

Kbd. *pp*

Vln. I *pp*

Vla.

Vc. *pp*

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A.
ning, I'm tu - ning, tu - ning, I'm tu - ning.

Pno.

Kbd.

Vln. I
pp

Vla.

Vc.



F A tempo

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A.
Pu - shing at Leipzig, the

Pno.
p

Kbd.
organ
p
bass

Vln. I
F
pp

Vla.
p
pp

Vc.
p
pp

91

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A.

line ends he re,

Pno.

Kbd.

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.



93

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A.

knife nights, cruel tongues, lights out,

Pno.

Kbd.

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.

pp

pp

sw

96

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A.

lights out, lights out, lights out.

ppp

Pno.

ppp

Kbd.

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.