

# I Heard It Through the Grapevine

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(As sung by Marvin Gaye)

Medium Pop (Intro)

♩ = 117

(E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>1</sub>)

(no bass) (elec. pn.) (add kick dr.)

(add gtr.) (Fr. horn) 1. Ooh, \_\_\_ I bet

**A**

E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>1</sub> A<sup>b</sup>G<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>1</sub> A<sup>b</sup>G<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>1</sub> B<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>9

you're won - d'r in' how I knew 'bout your plans \_\_\_ to make me blue,

A<sup>b</sup>9 E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>1</sub> A<sup>b</sup>G<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>1</sub> A<sup>b</sup>G<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>1</sub> B<sup>b</sup>7

with some oth - er guy \_\_\_ you knew be - fore. Be - tween the two of us guys \_

B<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>9 C<sub>M</sub>1 E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>9

\_\_\_ you know I love you more. It took me by sur - prise \_\_\_ I must say, \_\_\_

A<sup>b</sup>9 E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>9 E<sup>b</sup>7

when I found \_\_\_ out yes - ter - day. \_\_\_ Don't you know that I heard \_\_\_

**B**

E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>9 E<sup>b</sup>7

\_\_\_ it through the grape - vine, \_\_\_ not much long - er would you be \_\_\_ mine. Oh, I heard

E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>7 NC. (unis.)

\_\_\_ it through the grape - vine, Oh, \_\_\_ I'm just a - bout to lose \_\_\_ my mind. Hon - ey, hon - ey, well (Heard)

(*E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>I</sub>*)  
 (bkgr.) it through the grape - vine, not much long - er would you be my ba -  
 (vocals) (1st x only)

by, Ooh, doot, doo doo doo  
 2. I know a man  
 (*E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>I</sub>*)

(Interlude) *A<sup>b</sup>* *E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>I</sub>* *G<sup>b</sup>* *E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>I</sub>* *A<sup>b</sup>* *G<sup>b</sup>* *E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>I</sub>* *A<sup>b</sup>* *G<sup>b</sup>* *E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>I</sub>* *N.C. (unis.)* *E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>I</sub>*  
 (strings)

3. Peo - ple say be - lieve half  
 D.S. al Coda

(*E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>I</sub>*)  
 (bkgr.) it through the grape - vine, not much long - er would you be my ba - by, Yeah,  
 (vocals)

Hon - ey, hon - ey I know that you're let - tin' me go, Said I heard  
 (etc., to end)  
 — yeah, yeah, yeah, Heard

(*E<sup>b</sup>M<sub>I</sub>*)  
 — it through the grape - vine, Ooh, I heard — it through the grape - vine, Ooh noo, I heard —  
 (start to fade) (fade)

Second and Third Verse lyrics:

2. I know a man ain't supposed to cry,  
 But these tears I can't hold inside.  
 Losin' you would end my life, you see,  
 'Cause you mean that much to me.  
 You could have told me yourself  
 That you loved someone else.  
 Instead, I heard it through the grapevine (etc.)

3. People say believe half of what you see,  
 Son, and none of what you hear,  
 But I can't help bein' confused.  
 If it's true please tell me, dear.  
 Do you plan to let me go  
 For the other guy you loved before?  
 Don't you know, I heard it through the grapevine (etc.)