

# What Can You Lose?

From the motion picture *Dick Tracy*

Music and Lyrics by  
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Lary Blues (♩=108)

*Rubato*

*p*

The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. The first system shows the vocal line with a long note followed by a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with a melodic flourish in the right hand.

What can you lose? \_\_\_\_\_ On - ly the blues...

*mp* *p*

The first line of the song features a vocal line with the lyrics "What can you lose? \_\_\_\_\_ On - ly the blues...". The piano accompaniment includes a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *mp* and *p*.

Why keep con - ceal - ing ev - ry - thing you're

*mp*

The second line of the song features a vocal line with the lyrics "Why keep con - ceal - ing ev - ry - thing you're". The piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The dynamic is *mp*.

feel - ing? Say it to her— What can you lose? \_\_\_\_\_ May - be it shows, —

*p*

— She's had clues, which she chose to ig - nore. \_\_\_\_\_

*poco cresc.*

— May - be, though, she knows, And just wants — to go on — as be - fore. —

*dim.* *p* *cresc.* *mp*

— As a friend, noth - ing more. —

*p* *mp*

So she closes the door. Well, if she does.

*p* *mp* *sub. mf*

Those are the dues.

*mp*

Once the words are spoken, Something may be broken. Still, you love her

*cresc. poco a poco*

What can you lose? But what if she goes? At least now,

*mf poco dim.* *p* *poco cresc.*

*(ten.)*  
— you have part — of her. What if she had — to choose? — Leave it a - lone. —

*(ten.)*  
*dim.* *sub. mp* *p* — *mp*

Hold it all in. —

*cresc.*

— Bet - ter a bone. — Don't e - ven be - gin. — With so — much to

*mf*

*rall. ...*  
win. There's too much to lose. —

*mp* *rall. ...* *p*