

RING OF FIRE

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Cut-time $\text{♩} = 88-90$

Intro

Tenor Lead

dah dah dah dot dah dot dah dot dah dah dah

Bari Bass

dot dah dot dah dot dah dah dah

Verse 1

Love, oh, love, dot dah dot dah dot

Bari Bass

Bass melody Love is a burn - ing thing,

12 13 14 15 16

dah dah dah _____ oh, _____ fier - y,

_____ and it makes _____ a fier - y

Detailed description: This system contains measures 12 through 16. The music is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal line features a melodic line with notes on 'dah', 'dah', 'dah', 'oh,', and 'fier - y'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

17 18 19 20

dot dah dot _____ dah dot dah dah dah _____

ring. _____

Detailed description: This system contains measures 17 through 20. The vocal line continues with 'dot dah dot', 'dah dot', 'dah dah', and 'dah'. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the bass line and chords in the treble.

21 22 23

Bound, oh, bound by, dot dah dot _____ dah dot

Bound _____ by wild de - sire, _____

Detailed description: This system contains measures 21 through 23. The vocal line includes the words 'Bound, oh, bound by,' followed by 'dot dah dot', 'dah dot'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

24 25 26 27 28

dah dah dah _____ ah, _____

_____ I fell in - to a ring of

Detailed description: This system contains measures 24 through 28. The vocal line features 'dah dah dah', 'ah,', and the beginning of the phrase 'I fell in - to a ring of'. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord and a fermata over the last measure.

Chorus 1

ring of fire. ah. I fell in - to a burn-in' ring of

ah. fi - re. I went down, down, down, and the flames went

burns, burns, burns, it burns, high - er. And it burns, burns, burns, the ring of

ring of fire, of fire. dah dah dah fi - re, the ring of fire.

Bridge (*louder 2nd time*)

46 47 48 49

dot dah dot dah dot dah dah dah

50 51 52 53

dot dah dot dah dot dah dah dah

*1st time to ms. 46
(2nd time go on)*

Chorus 2

54 55 56 57

ah

I fell in - to a burn-in' ring of fi - re. I went

58 59 60 61

ah

down, down, down, and the flames went high - er. And it

62 63 64 65

burns, burns, burns, it burns, ring of

burns, burns, burns, the ring of fi - re,

Verse 2

66 67 68 69

fire, ring of fire. doom doom

the ring of fire. The taste

70 71 72 73

doom doom doom doom doom doom doo be doom doo be

of love is sweet when hearts

74 75 76

doom doo be doom doo be doom doo be doom doo be

like ours meet.

77 78 79 80

dot dot dot dot dot dot dah dah

I fell for you like a child.

81 82 83

dot dot dot dot dot Oh,

Oh,

84 85 86

but the fire went wild. but the fire went wild. Oh, that's when

Chorus 3

87 88 89 90

ah.

I fell in - to a burn-in' ring of fi - re. I went

91 down, 92 and the flames, 93 went, 94 high - er! 95

down, down, down.

96 burns, 97 burns, 98 burns, 99 it burns,

And it burns, burns burns, the ring of

100 ring of fire, 101 ring of fire, 102 ring of fire, 103

fi - re, the ring of fire, the ring of

*Cued notes are optional voicing

104 105 106 107 108 *rit.*

ring of fire, the ring,
fire, the ring of fire.

109 110 111 112

dot dah dot dah dot dah dah dah

Optional ending

104 105 106 107 108

ring of fire, the ring,
fire, the ring of fire!

109 110 111 112

I fell in - to a ring of fire!