

# From "AN AMERICAN VICTORY" I COULD NEVER BE THE ONE

Music & Lyrics by  
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(♩ = 65) C#

MRS. DECATUR:

Once there

was a time I knew eas - i - ly

how to love the ones most dear to me.

# I COULD NEVER BE THE ONE

10 G# C# F#2

Still, I re-mem-ber hold-ing you,

13 C# F#2 D#m

child. But was it yes-ter-day or long a-go? All the days move

16 F# C# G# 17 18

on and are gone be-fore we know.

19 C# F#2 C# 20 21

And I re-call a hus-band and wife, broth-ers play-ing

# I COULD NEVER BE THE ONE

22 F#2 D#m F# C#

games that children play. I could understand, see God's

25 G# C#

plan for me that way. Now the

28 F# C# G#

winds of change are come, and they leave an empty

31 A#m G# F# F#maj7

home. Just a season that all must come to know.

# I COULD NEVER BE THE ONE

34 C# G# A#m G# 35 36

But then why, why am I so sad - dend by

37 F# C# A#m 38 39

what I al - ways knew would be? Why cry these

40 F# G# G#7 41 42

tears for a time that all eyes must come to

43 C# F#2 C# 44 45

see? Then why should I be keep - ing you here? Is it too soon to

# I COULD NEVER BE THE ONE

46 F#2 D#m 47 F# C# 48

— head out — on your own? — Or may - be — you are grown — and the

49 G# 50 C# 51

need is mine — a - lone? Yet I

52 F# C# G# 53 54

will not be — a - fraid, — for my heart will al - ways

55 A#m G# F# 56 57

know there's no place where my love could — nev - er find

# I COULD NEVER BE THE ONE

58 C# G# A#m G#

— you. — So go, go where these winds will take you, — and

61 F# C# A#m

leave this oth-er world — be - hind. Nev - er for -

64 F# G#7 G# G#6

get, all your dreams will al - ways be part of

67 C# F#2 C#

mine. So now the time for hold - ing — you ends. Could nev-er be — the

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70 F#2 D#m 71 F# C# 72

one to hold you back. God for-give my fears and the

73 G# C# 74 75

cour - age that I lack. I'll al-ways hold your

76 F#2 C# 77 F#2 78

dreams close to me. Through them I can hold you once a-gain.

79 D#m F#m C# G# 80 81

But eve-ry seas-on ends that an-oth-er can

# I COULD NEVER BE THE ONE

82 G# C# A#m F# C#

be - gin. Yes, eve - ry seas - on ends that an -

85 G# C#

oth - er can be - gin.