

Por una Cabeza

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Canto

By a head, it's mad-ness! That horse seemed a sure thing 'Til the fin-al stretch, when It slack-ened, and

Piano

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lost. As it walked back by I thought I heard it say: "Pa!, you know you would-n't lose If you just would-n't

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play." By a head, it's mad-ness That girl seemed a sure thing! She whose burn-ing kiss-es Set my heart a-

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- race Al-ways she was ly-ing A-bout true love ev-er - last-ing Yet I can-not help it! I'd still risk it all on her

Canto

By a head it is mad - ness! But the lies of her kis - ses

Chorus

By a head it is mad - ness! The lies of her

Piano

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Just begged to be be - lieved And while I was de - ceived It burned a - way all sad - ness!

kiss - es...

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But if she for - gets me I've lost! What's to live for?

But if she for - gets me I've lost! What's to

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Ah! Life is a thou - sand emp - ty brok - en prom - is - es So why live at all? Why must I keep

live for?

Canto

los - ing By a head? It's mad - ness! Al - ways swear to - day I'll stop push - ing my luck. E - ven when I

Piano

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win Soon it's lost - but then To think of her kiss - es Brings me back to her a - gain! I'm done with these

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rac - es. No more fool - ish gam - bles Ne - ver more re - turn To see the bit - ter end! But Then, next week a

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fi - lly Seems once more to be a sure thing. Gam - ble and I'll lose - But what else can I do?

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