

Excerpt

# I COULD WRITE A BOOK

from *Pal Joey*

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Allegretto - in 2

The musical score is presented in a standard format with a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The tempo is marked 'Allegretto - in 2'. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major for the vocal line). The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment includes melodic lines, chords, and dynamics such as *mf* and *f*. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs.

**System 1:**  
 Chords: G, G7, C, Cmaj7/G, C  
 Lyrics: And the sim - ple se - cret of the

**System 2:**  
 Chords: C, Em/G, Am/C, C, G7, C, G7, C, Gdim, Dm7(add4)  
 Lyrics: plot Is just to tell them that I love you a lot.

**System 3:**  
 Chords: G7/D, C/E, Ebdim7, F/D, Dm, Dm/G, G7, Gm7, C7, Dm7/F, Dm  
 Lyrics: Then the world dis - cov - ers, as my book ends, How to

**System 4:**  
 Chords: C/G, C+/E, F, Dm7/F, F/D, G7, C, D9 F#dim7, C  
 Lyrics: make two lov - ers of friends.

For the complete song see: HL00312313 *Pal Joey* vocal selections, and other sources.

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