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MAY I NEVER LOVE AGAIN

for female voices

target vowels marked

Words and Music by SANO MARCO
and JACK ERICKSON

Arrangement by RENEE CRAIG

Verse

Tenor Lead

Oh, my dear, can't you see that you're all the world to me? I can't →

Bari Bass

think or do a thing with-out your, your love. I con - fess I'm not so smart, but I'm

love. uh

uh uh uh* You're the one thing in my life I'm think - ing of. think - ing of.

uh uh uh think - ing of. think - ing of.

*Mary Rhea says 'hut'

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Chorus

9 10 11

eh ah uh uh uh ah-oo eh ah uh ah

May I nev - er see the sun go down. May I nev - er feel the fall - ing

open "uh" or close to "n"?

12 13 14

eh uh uh ih eh uh ah eh eh ah

rain. If the love that I de - clare is - n't all that's right and fair, may I

15 16 17

uh eh uh uh uh eh eh ah uh oo-ah uh

nev - er, may I nev - er love a - gain. May I ne - ver see the blue of the

18 19 20

ah oh uh ah ah eh eh ah

sky nor the moon and stays down lov - er's lane. May I

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21 22 23

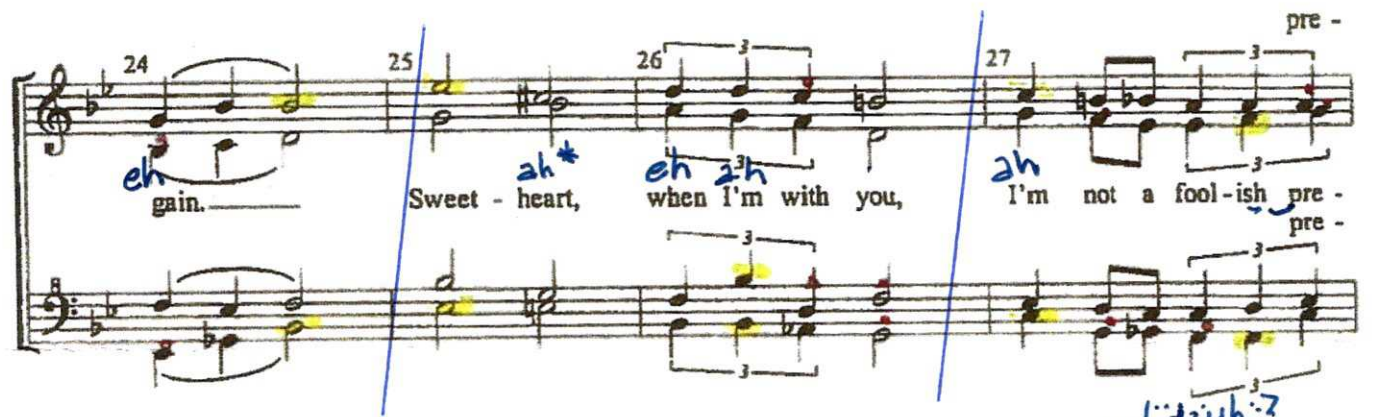
eh uh eh ah ah ah eh eh ah uh eh ah uh uh uh

nev-er live a day if I don't mean what I say. May I nev-er may I nev-er love a -



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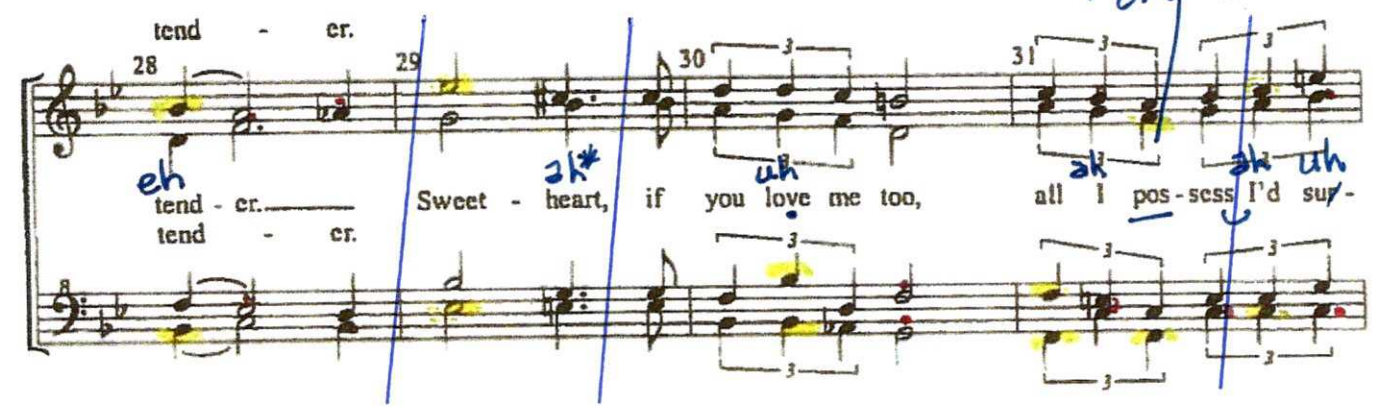
eh gain. Sweet - heart, when I'm with you, I'm not a fool-ish pre - pre -



tend - er. tend - er. Sweet - heart, if you love me too, all I pos-sess I'd sur-

eh tend - er. tend - er. ah* uh ah uh

- oh! uh? -



32 33 34

eh ren - dex May I nev - er feel your ten - der lips. May I you



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Carol will direct lead cut off

tenor baritone bass cut off F when leads come in

35
nev-er take my love in vain. You're the answer to my pray'r, but if

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38
oo uh uh eh
your love is - n't there, may I nev-er, no, I'll nev-er love, nev-er love,

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40
uh uh eh ah uh uh uh eh
love a - gain. No, I'll nev-er love a - gain. QB

41
eh
love a - gain. No, I'll nev-er love a - gain.

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Performance Notes

Sano Marco, composer, author, singer and teacher, was born in Russia in 1898. Jack Erickson, composer, author and pianist, was born in Massachusetts in that same year. How they got together is not known, but their one collaboration, *May I Never Love Again*, was truly a winning creation.

The song was first published in 1940 and reached #17 on the hit charts with the recording by Bob Chester and His Orchestra. Later many top singers performed it, including Jackie Wilson, Perry Como, Frankie Lane, Tony Bennett and Dennis Day.

This ballad has a rich barbershop history. Renee Craig's arrangement has been sung over the years by many quartets and choruses, both male and female. Keepsake, 1992 international champion quartet, sang this chart and recorded it on their CD *Without a Song*.

Because the song has some repetitive material, the challenge for the performer is to make each repetition special and meaningful in order to express the full meaning of the lyrics and to hold the attention of the listener. Thank you, Renee, for another masterpiece of arranging.

As a final note: Questions about the contest suitability of this or any other song/arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest rules. Ask *before* you sing.