SIXTEEN GOING ON SEVENTEEN

Moderato e semplice

Piano

You wait, little girl, on an empty stage For fate to turn the

light on. Your life, little girl, is an empty page That

men will want to write on, to write on.
Refrain (Assai moderato)

1. You are sixteen, going on seventeen,
2. I am sixteen, going on seventeen,

p with feeling and not fast

Baby, it's time to think! Better beware, be
I know that I'm native. Fellows I meet may

canny and careful, Baby, you're on the brink!
tell me I'm sweet and willingly I'll believe.

You are sixteen, going on seventeen,
I am sixteen, going on seventeen, Innocent as a
Eager young lads and rogues and cads will rise.
Bachelor dandies, drinkers of brandies,

Do you know those

Brother are you
To face a world of men.

Timid and shy and scared am I

Of things beyond your
ken.
ken.
You need someone older and wiser
I need someone older and wiser

telling you what to do. I am seventeen,
telling me what to do. You are seventeen,

go-ing on eighteen, I'll depend on you.
go-ing on eighteen, I'll take care of you.

Optional ending to Interlude and 3rd Refrain
Interlude

bell is no bell till you ring it, A song is no song till you

F

Fm7 C7 F

sing it. And love in your heart wasn't

G7

F

Put there to stay, Love isn't love till you

Fm6 F6

Gm7 C7 F7 F6 F+

give it away.
When you're sixteen, going on seventeen,
Wait ing for life to start, Some bod y kind who
touch es your mind will sud den ly touch your heart!
When that happens, after it happens, nothing is quite the
Dm7          Gm7           C9
same.

Gm7          C9           F           Bb
somewhere you know you'll jump up and go if

ever he calls your name!

ever he calls your name!

Bb         F7             Bb
Gone are your old ideas of life, the old ideas grow dim.

Bb         F             D9
Lo and behold! You're someone's wife and you belong to
him! You may think this kind of adventure
never may come to you 
Darling sixteen

going on seventeen, Wait a

year or two.