

# LAUGHING BOY

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The musical score is written on ten staves of music. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on the upper staff of each system, with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are written above the notes. The lyrics are: "In all the rooms I've hung my hat, in all the towns I've been - it stuns me I'm not dead al-ready from the shambles that I've seen - I've seen a girl hold back her hair to light a cigar-ette and things like that a man like me can't easily for-get I've got the only cure for life and the cure for life is joy I'm a crying man that ev'ry-one calls Laughing Boy A kid once asked me in late Sep-tember for a shilling for the guy and I looked that little oper-a-tor in her wheeling-dealing eye and I tossed a box with deep respect in her old man's trilby hat It seems to me that a man like me could die of things like that - I've got the". The score includes various chord symbols such as Dm, Gm7, A+, Bb, Eb, F, and A7. There are also some performance markings like a circled 'A' and a circled '3'.

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F Dm Gm A7  
 only cure for life and the cure for life is joy  
 Gm A7+ D  
 I'm a crying man that ev'ry-one, calls Laughing Boy I've  
 Dm Gm?  
 seen land-ladies who lost their lovers at the time of Rupert Brooke & they  
 Dm Gm? A+  
 pressed the flowers from Sunday rambles and then forget which book And I  
 Gm Bb Eb A7  
 paid the rent thinking Anyway, buddy, at least you won't get wet And I  
 Dm F Bb A7  
 tried the bed and lay there thinking - They haven't got you yet - I've got the  
 F Dm Bb A7  
 on-ly cure for life and the cure for life is joy  
 Gm A7+ D  
 I'm a crying man that ev'ry-one calls Laughing Boy I've  
 Dm Gm?  
 read the labels on a hundred bottles for eyes & lips & hair And I've  
 Dm Gm? A7+  
 seen girls breathe on their fingernails & wiggle them in the air And I've  
 Gm Bb Eb A7  
 often wondered who the hell re-members as far back as last night And it  
 Dm F Bb A7  
 seems to me that a man like me is the only one who might I've got the

F Dm Bb A7

on-ly cure for life . and the cure for life is joy

Gm7 A7+

I'm a crying man that ev'ry - one calls Laughing

D

Boy