

# That's Mathematics

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

**System 1:** The vocal line begins with a whole rest for three measures, followed by the lyrics "Count - ing sheep". The piano accompaniment starts with a bass line of quarter notes and chords in the right hand.

**System 2:** The vocal line has the lyrics "When you're try-ing to sleep, Be - ing fair When there's something to share,". The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

**System 3:** The vocal line has the lyrics "Be - ing neat When you're fold-ing a sheet That's". The piano accompaniment continues.

**System 4:** The vocal line has the lyrics "math - e - ma - tics! When a ball Boun - ces off of a wall,". The piano accompaniment continues.

**Chord Progressions:**

- System 1: F7, Bb
- System 2: D7, G9
- System 3: Cm7, F7, Bb, Gm, C7
- System 4: Ebm6/F, F7, Bb, D7

24

G9

Cm7

When you cook From a re - ci - pe book, When you know

30

F7

Bb

Gm

C7

F7(b9)

Bb

How much mon - ey you owe That's math - e - ma - tics!

36

Bb7

Eb6

Ebm6

Bb

How much gold can you hold in an el - e - phant's ear When it's noon on the

42

Fm6

G7

C7

F7

moon Then what time is it here? If you could count for a year

48 EbMaj7 Dm7 Cm7 BbMaj7

Would you get to in - fin - i - ty Or somewhere in that vi - cin - i - ty?

53 F7 Bb D7

When you choose Tap your feet, How much Keep - ing

8

59 G9

post-age to use, When you know What's the chance it will snow, When you  
time to the beat Of a song While you're sing-ing a - long, Har - mon-

65 Cm7 F7 Bb G7 C7

bet, and with you end up in debt, Oh, try as you may, you just  
-ize with the

1.

71 Cm7 Gb7/F F7 Bb7

can't get a - way from math - e - mat - ics!

2.  
77 Bb7 A7 Ab7 G7 C7 Cm7

rest of the guys, Yes, try as you may, You just can't get a - way from math - e -

83 Gb7/F F7 Bb

- mat - ics!

This sheet music is based on the version of the song at <https://tomlehrersongs.com/thats-mathematics/>, which omits the verse about Andrew Wiles. Optionally, sustain the top note in the bass clef longer than notated. (E.g. the "F", "G", "F", and "F#" in measures 1, 2, 5, and 6, respectively.)