

PIANO/VOCAL

MOTHER SUPERIOR
DELORIS
NUNS

“Sister Act”

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Here Within These Walls

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Music: Alan Menken

Lyric: Glenn Slater

Arr.: M. Kosarin

WARN [MS]: This is a different world you enter now.

CUE [MS]:

Behind these walls we live a life

Strictly, $\text{♩} = 77$

MS

1 of adoration and grace. 2 This 3 is 4 a sanc-tu - a - ry.

mp

5 Out - side, 6 life's a mess. 7 No one's pure of spi - rit an - y 8 long - er.

9 There's no wrong or right, just wrong and 10 wrong-er. 11 Peo - ple have a - mused them-selves to

MS 12 13 14 15

death. Out - side, life is grim. Filled with smut and scan - dal to the

MS 16 17 18

brim. I sup - pose there may be room for Him.

rit.

MS 19 20 21

Frank - ly, I don't plan to hold my breath. But here with - in these

22 Gently and evenly

MS 23 24 25

walls, days are filled with grace, God is in his

mp *sim.*

MS 26 27 28 29

place, His wis - dom still re - spect - ed. Here with - in these

MS 30 31 32 33 34

walls, life has a dif - f'rent pace than life be -

MS 35 36 37 38 39

yond our doors. And for what it's worth, this life's now

40 **Tempo I°** 41 42 43 44 45 46 [2X]

✱ **DEL:** Can I get a light? I saw a mess of candles in the other room. **MS:** Not. In. Here.
yours. **DEL:** Oh - is there a smoking section? **MS:** Yes, dear, and you're headed for it.

47

MS

Out - side, all is vice. Peo - ple now are ab - so - lute - ly

50

MS

shame - less. Most, in - clud - ing those who shall be name - less,

53

MS

hard - ly seem to know or ev - en care. Out - side, all is sin. And

57

MS

I won't have the out - side com - ing in. Trust me, it's a bat - tle you won't

60 MS win. Frank - ly dear, you have - n't got a

poco rit.

62 MS prayer. **Poco rubato** MS: Miss van Cartier,
as long as you reside here, you must divest yourself of all worldly possessions. Is that clear?

63 64 65 66 67

68 MS **A tempo** 69 So put a - side your

mf

70 MS glut - t'ny! Put a - side your pride! As for car-nal

71 72 73

MS 74 75 76 77

lust, you need a break, I trust, Put it all a - side! Put a - side in -

MS 78 79 80 81

tem-p'rance! Pro-fa - ni - ty as well! Put a - side each

legato

MS 82 83 84 85

rem - nant of your for - mer world - ly shell.

poco rit. -----

86 **A tempo**

MS 87 88 89 90 91

MS: Now, when you leave your room you must wear this habit. DEL: No way! Well, maybe I can dress it up a little.

p

MS 92 93 94 95

MS: We have worn this since the fourteenth century. It does not cry out for accessories. DEL: Okay, if I put on this dress, I will

MS 96 97

just drop dead. MS: Well, then, we have a plan. Here with - in these

poco rit.

98 **A tempo** $\text{♩} = 74$ 99 100 101

MS walls, all is stripped a - way. Sur-ren-der and o -

DEL **Deloris** Christ on a stick, what a ho - ly mess! Look at this huge freak-in' pen-guin dress!

NUNS **Nuns** (offstage) *pp* A - ve Ma -

mp

MS 102 103 104 105

bey, that's all that is ex - pect - ed. Here with-in these

DEL Look at this place... this is Hell, I guess! So un - fab - u-lous, ba - by!

NUNS ri - a Gra - ti -

MS 106 107 108 109

walls, all else is kept at bay.

DEL Stuck in this dump with that Jes-us freak. There ain't no way that I'll last a week!

NUNS a

MS 110 111 112 113

Though the world may go a - stray, here, e - ter - nal truths hold sway. Here with - in these

DEL I'm too fab - u - lous, ba - by!

NUNS ple - na.

114 115 116 117

MS walls life is tru - ly blessed! Here you're God's own

DEL

NUNS *p* 8 7 Sal - ve re - gi - na

mf

118 119 120 121

MS
guest, ce - les - tial - ly pro - tect - ed. Here with - in these

NUNS
Ma - ter mi - se - ri - cor - di - ae

122 123 124 125

MS
walls, All's for the ve - ry best and

NUNS
Vi - ta, dul - ce - do

126 127 128 129

MS
al - ways shall be thus. And if heav - en's

NUNS
Et spes no - stra sal - ve.

mp *p*

Poco rubato

MS 130 will be done, here she'll just be one more nun. Safe with - in these

131 132 133 134

MS 135 walls, 136 as 137 one 138 of

A tempo

MS 139 us! 140 141 142 143 144

NUNS A - men, A - men.

poco rit. - - -

APPLAUSE SEGUE