

## **The Manhattan Transfer**

### **"Sing A Study In Brown"**

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Intro:

Picture this: Rhythm n' happiness

Souls in bliss 'n havin' fun

(Oh no)

If you can't there's nothin' to it

(Oh no)

I'm thinkin' I have t' paint you one

Verse:

I'm gonna paint a sepia panorama

so full of life the painting will come alive

Bathed in blues 'n full of drama

An' all the swing they needed so they'd survive

I'll add some tans an' yellow ocher

Such soul! So full of rhythm

an' then some orange t' tone up the black a bit

My goal is to be with 'em

Purple haze t' lull the smoker

What swing! What syncopation

an cherry red t' loosen the back a bit

That thing captured a nation

An' then a mere patina of subtle green

Get down with me - you'll dig my study in brown

to lighten up the purple n' tone it down

Get down with me - tell about it all over town

A dancing glow to highlight the subtle scene

Get down with me - Dig how I'm paintin' the town

an' there you'll have a study in brown

My study in brown

Well, git brown!

Oh yeah, brown is the pigment

Well, git down!

Oh yeah, that's what cha' really meant

Clown!

Oh yeah, that's some study

We're puttin' down "A Study In Brown"

Coda: (That's why we're callin' it, "A Study In Brown!")

Git brown!  
Oh yeah, brown is the pigment  
n' git down!  
Oh yeah, that's what cha' really meant  
Clown!  
Oh yeah, that's some study

Dig what I mean! It's in the scene

Guitar solo

What cha' talkin' 'bout?  
(Rhythm-A-Ning)  
That's my scene rhythm n'dancin'  
(Rhythm-A-Ning)  
you can add real romancin'  
(Yep!)  
I'll come clean,  
That's the way I like it  
Y' start real thin, then put some color in  
(Rhythm-A-Ning)  
Fuschia hues blended with subtones  
(Rhythm-A-Ning)  
Spread them blues, blarin' trombones  
(Yep!)  
Paint that scene  
Just the way I like it  
A dab or two - that's how to do it.

Piano Solo

Y' talkin' loud, hope people hear y'

Guitar Solo

Hey dad! Mama's gonn git 'cha soon as you git home!

Piano Solo

Thats the ticket  
But where'd y'fin' th' wicket?  
Repeat from Verse to Coda

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