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Mr. Tanner

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Originally released in 1973 as a music track from singer-songwriter Harry Chapin's *Short Stories* album, Mr. Tanner tells the tale of a midwestern dry cleaner with a passion for singing. Adding artwork to lyrics, Bryan Langdo's cuddly rendition of Mr. Tanner as a baritone bear gives the bittersweet story-song a fanciful twist when he travels to a New York City concert hall but doesn't get quite the reception he was hoping for, in this soulful journey of self-discovery.

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