

ROLL ME AWAY

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

This song always started out full throttle but one time between takes piano player Roy Bittan and drummer Russ Kunkel began playing the intro in a far more subtle and subdued manner. Everyone then followed and fell in, including me, singing live. Ordinarily, we never have the tape machine recording between takes but producer Jimmy lovine and engineer Shelly Yakus had astutely left it on. When we listened back, we loved it and it quickly became the final version.

Took a look down a westbound road, right away I made my choice

Headed out to my big two-wheeler, I was tired of my own voice

Took a bead on the northern plains and just rolled that power on

Twelve hours out of Mackinaw City stopped in a bar to have a brew

Met a girl and we had a few drinks and I told her what I'd decided to do

She looked out the window a long long moment then she looked into my eyes

She didn't have to say a thing, I knew what she was thinkin'

Roll, roll me away, won't you roll me away tonight I too am lost, I feel double-crossed and I'm sick of what's wrong and what's right

We never even said a word, we just walked out and got on that bike And we rolled

And we rolled clean out of sight

We rolled across the high plains Deep into the mountains Felt so good to me Finally feelin' free

Somewhere along a high road The air began to turn cold She said she missed her home I headed on alone

Stood alone on a mountain top, starin' out at the Great Divide

I could go east, I could go west, it was all up to me to decide

Just then I saw a young hawk flyin' and my soul began to rise
And pretty soon

My heart was singin'

Roll, roll me away, I'm gonna roll me away tonight Gotta keep rollin', gotta keep ridin', keep searchin' till find I what's right

And as the sunset faded I spoke to the faintest first starlight

And I said next time Next Time

We'll get it right

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NIGHT MOVES

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

It was 2:00 am and our guitar player Drew Abbott and sax player Alto Reed had already left the studio for the drive back to Detroit. With bass player Chris Campbell, drummer Charlie Martin and me, playing acoustic guitar, we recorded it. I think we did five takes. The next day we added a local guitar player and piano player and then some female singers from Montréal who happened to be in town. When people ask "Do you know when you've written a hit?" the usual answer is no. This song was an exception.

I was a little too tall
Could've used a few pounds
Tight pants points hardly reknown
She was a black-haired beauty with big dark eyes
And points all her own sitting way up high
Way up firm and high

Out past the cornfields where the woods got heavy
Out in the back seat of my '60 Chevy
Workin' on mysteries without any clues
Workin' on our night moves
Tryin' to make some front page drive-in news
Workin' on our night moves
In the summertime
In the sweet summertime

We weren't in love, oh no, far from it
We weren't searchin' for some pie in the sky 'summit
We were just young and restless and bored
Livin' by the sword
And we'd steal away every chance we could
To the backroom, to the alley or the trusty woods
I used her, she used me
But neither one cared
We were gettin' our share

Workin' on our night moves
Tryin' to lose the awkward teenage blues
Workin' on our night moves
And it was summertime

And oh the wonder We felt the lightning And we waited on the thunder Waited on the thunder

I awoke last night to the sound of thunder How far off I sat and wondered Started humming as song from 1962 Ain't funny how the night moves When you just don't seem to have as much to lose Strange how the night moves With autumn closing

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TURN THE PAGE

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

Our first headline shows ever in a large (twelve thousand seat) hall were the two shows at Cobo Arena, September 4th and 5th, 1975. I remember while I was singing this how nice it was to have such good on-stage monitors. I had never heard my voice so well while performing.

On a long and lonesome highway east of Omaha
You can listen to the engine moanin' out his one note song
You can think about the woman or the girl you knew
the night before

But your thoughts will soon be wandering the way they always do

When you're ridin' sixteen hours and there's nothin' much to do

And you don't feel much like ridin', you just wish the trip was through

Here I Am
On the road again
There I am
Up on the stage
Here I go
Playin' star again
There I go
Turn the page

Well you walk into a restaurant, strung out from the road And you feel the eyes upon you as you're shakin' off the cold You pretend it doesn't bother you but you just want to explode

Most times you can't hear 'em talk, other times you can All the same old clichés, "is that a woman or a man?" And you always seem outnumbered, you don't dare make a stand

Here I am
On the road again
There I am
Up on the stage
Here I go
Playin' star again
There I go
Turn the page

Out there in the spotlight you're a million miles away Every ounce of energy you try to give away As the sweat pours out your body like the music that you play

Later in the evening as you lie awake in bed With the echoes from the amplifiers ringin' in your head You smoke the day's last cigarette, rememberin' what she said

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You'LL ACCOMP'NY ME

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

This again was one of those rare times when our bass player Chris, our drummer David Teegarden, and I were alone in the studio. Like Night Moves, I played acoustic guitar and much later we added Bill Payne on keyboards and the female background singers.

A gypsy wind is blowing warm tonight
The sky is starlit and the time is right
And still you're tellin' me you have to go
Before you leave there's something you should know
Yeah something you should know babe

I've seen you smiling in the summer sun I've seen your long hair flying when you run I've made my mind up that it's meant to be Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me

Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Out where the rivers meet the sounding sea
You're high above me now, you're wild and free ah but
Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me

Some people say that love's a losin' game You start with fire but you lose the flame The ashes smolder but the warmth's soon gone You end up cold and lonely on your own

I'll take my chances babe I'll risk it all I'll win you love or I'll take the fall I've made my mind up girl it's meant to be Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me It's written down somewhere, it's got to be You're high above me flyin' wild and free Oh but someday lady you'll accomp'ny me Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me

Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Out where the rivers meet the sounding sea
I feel it in my soul, It's meant to be
Oh someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me

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HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

The chorus to this song came into my head one night in 1977 as I was driving through the Hollywood HIlls. Our drummer, David Teegarden, played an entire set of drums as we recorded and overdubbed another entire set of drums playing a different pattern. In other words, there's two sets of everything: snare, kick drum, hi-hat, etc. Billy Payne (of Little Feat) sat in with us for the first time and played the last two instruments, piano and organ. When he was done, he asked for a tape to listen to on the way home. He called me the next day and said while he'd been listening, he looked down and found himself going 100 miles an hour on the freeway.

She stood there bright as the sun on that California coast

He was a midwestern boy on his own
She looked at him with those soft eyes, so innocent
and blue

He knew right then he was too far from home He was too far from home

She took his hand and she led him along that golden beach

They watched the waves tumble over the sand They drove for miles and miles up those twisting turning roads Higher and higher and higher they climbed

And those Hollywood nights In those Hollywood hills She was looking so right In her diamonds and frills All those big city nights In those high rolling hills Above all the lights She had all of the skills

He'd headed west 'cause he felt that a change would do him good See some old friends, good for the soul She had been born with a face that would let her get her way He saw that face and he lost all control He had lost all control

Night after night, day after day, it went on and on Then came that morning he woke up alone He spent all night staring down at the lights of LA Wondering if he could ever go home

And those Hollywood nights In those Hollywoods hills It was looking so right It was giving him chills In those big city nights In those high rolling hills Above all the lights With a passion that kills

In those Hollywood nights In those Hollywood hills She was looking so right In her diamonds and frills All those big city lights In those high rolling hills Above all the lights She had all of the skills

STILL THE SAME

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

It was just Chris Campbell, David Teegarden, and me in the studio when we cut this. People have asked me for years who it's about. It's an amalgamation of characters I met when I first went to Hollywood. All "Type A" personalities: overachieving, driven.

You always won, everytime you placed a bet You're still damn good, no one's gotten to you yet Everytime they were sure they had you caught You were quicker than they thought You'd just turn your back and walk.

You always said, the cards would never do you wrong

The trick you said was never play the game too long A gambler's share, the only risk that you would take The only loss you could forsake The only bluff you couldn't fake

And you're still the same
I caught up with you yesterday
Moving game to game
No one standing in you way
Turning on the charm
Long enough to get you by
You're still the same
You still aim high

There you stood, everybody watched you play I just turned and walked away I had nothing left to say 'Cause you're still the same You're still the same Moving game to game Some things never change You're still the same

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OLD TIME ROCK & ROLL

WRITTEN BY GEORGE JACKSON
AND THOMAS EARL JONES III

This track was sent to me by the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section from Alabama as a demo with a different singer. I rewrote the verses but asked for no writing credit (I wish I had). Next to Patsy Cline's "Crazy", it's the most popular juke box single of all time.

Just take those old records off the shelf I'll sit and listen to 'em by myself Today's music ain't got the same soul I like that old time rock 'n' roll Don't try to take me to a disco You'll never even get me out on the floor In ten minutes I'll be late for the door I like that old time rock 'n' roll

Still like that old time rock 'n' roll
That kind of music just soothes the soul
I reminisce about the days of old
With that old time rock 'n' roll

Won't go to hear them play a tango
I'd rather hear some blues or funky old soul
There's only one sure way to get me to go
Start playing old time rock 'n' roll
Call me a relic, call me what you will
Say I'm old-fashioned, say I'm over the hill
Today's music ain't got the same soul
I like that old time rock 'n' roll

Still like that old time rock 'n' roll
That kind of music just soothes the soul
I reminisce about the days of old
With that old time rock 'n' roll

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WE'VE GOT TONIGHT

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

The original title of the song was "This Old House" and it was about rock and roll music. I loved the chords and rewrote the lyric after I saw Robert Redford in "The Sting" say to a waitress "It's four in the morning and I don't know nobody."

I know it's late, I know you're weary
I know your plans don't include me
Still here we are, both of us lonely
Longing for shelter from all that we see
Why should we worry, no one will care girl
Look at the stars so far away
We've got tonight, who needs tomorrow?
We've got tonight babe
Why don't you stay?

Deep in my soul, I've been so lonely All of my hopes, fading away I've longed for love, like everyone else does I know I'll keep searching, even after today So there it is girl, I've said it all now And here we are babe, what do you say? We've got tonight, who needs tomorrow? We've got tonight babe Why don't you stay?

I know it's late, I know you're weary I know your plans don't included me Still here we are, both of us lonely Both of us lonely

We've got tonight, who needs tomorrow? Let's make it last, let's find a way Turn out the light, come take my hand now We've got tonight babe Why don't you stay? Why don't you stay?

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Matthew & Craig Frost

AGAINST THE WIND

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

My old friend, Glen Frey of the Eagles, had an idea that our guitarist Drew Abbott should play along with the piano solo. He and I then went out and did the background vocals together. The line "Wish I didn't know now what I didn't know then" bothered me for the longest time but everyone I knew loved it so I left it in. It has since appeared in several hits by other artists, so I guess it's O.K.

It seems like yesterday
But it was long ago
Janey was lovely, she was the queen of my nights
There in the darkness with the radio playing low
And the secrets that we shared
The mountains that we moved
Caught like a wildfire out of control
Till there was nothing left to burn and nothing left to prove
And I remember what she said to me
How she swore that it never would end
I remember how she held me oh so tight
Wish I didn't know now what I didn't know then

Against the wind We were runnin' against the wind We were young and strong, we were runnin' against the wind

And the years rolled slowly past
And I found myself alone
Surrounded by strangers I thought were my friends
I found myself further and further from my home
And I guess I lost my way
There were oh so many roads
I was living to run and running to live
Never worried about paying or even how much I owed
Moving eight miles a minute for months at a time
Breaking all of the rules that would bend
I began to find myself searching
Searching for shelter again and again



Chris & Alexandra Campbell

Against the wind
A little something against the wind
I found myself seeking shelter against the wind

Well those drifters days are past me now I've got so much more to think about Deadlines and commitments What to leave in, what to leave out

Against the wind I'm still runnin' against the wind I'm older now but still runnin' against the wind Well I'm older now and still runnin' Against the wind

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MAINSTREET

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

Many people have asked me what street I'm talking about in this song. It's actually Ann Street, just off Main Street in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where I grew up and went to school. There was a pool hall (I can't remember the name) where they had girls dancing in the window and R&B bands playing on the weekends.

I remember standing on the corner at midnight
Trying to get my courage up
There was this long lovely dancer in a little
club downtown
I loved to watch her do her stuff
Through the long lonely nights she filled my sleep
Her body softly swaying to that smoky beat
Down on Mainstreet

In the pool halls, the hustlers and the losers
I used to watch 'em through the glass
Well I'd stand outside at closing time
Just to watch her walk on past
Unlike all the other ladies she looked so
young and sweet
As she made her way alone down that empty street
Down on Mainstreet

And sometimes even now, when I'm feeling lonely and beat
I drift back in time and I find my feet
Down on Mainstreet
Down on Mainstreet

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THE FIRE INSIDE

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

I rewrote this song so many times, I can't remember the original lyric. Oddly, for me, I kept rewriting the first verse. I've never done that before or since.

There's a hard moon risin' on the streets tonight
There's a reckless feeling in your heart as you head
out tonight

Through the concrete canyons to the midtown lights Where the latest neon promises are burning bright

Past the open windows on the darker streets Where unseen angry voices flash and children cry Past the phony posers with their worn out lines The tired new money dressed to the nines The low life dealers with their bad designs And the dilettantes with their open minds

You're out on the town, safe in the crowd Ready to go for the ride Searching the eyes, looking for clues There's no way you can hide The fire inside

Well you've been to the clubs and the discotheques Where they deal one another from the bottom of a deck of promises

Where the cautious loners and emotional wrecks
Do an acting stretch as a way to hide the obvious
And the lights go down and they dance real close
And for one brief instant they pretend they're safe
and warm

Then the beat gets louder and the mood is gone The darkness scatters as the lights flash on They hold one another just a little too long And they move apart and then move on

On to the street, on to the next Safe in the knowledge that they tried Faking the smile, hiding the pain Never satisfied The fire inside Fire inside

Now the hour is late and he thinks you're asleep You listen to him dress and you listen to him leave like you knew he would You hear his car pull away in the street Then you move to the door and you lock it when he's gone for good

Then you walk to the window and stare at the moon Riding high and lonesome through a starlit sky And it comes to you how all slips away Youth and beauty are gone one day No matter what you dream or feel or say It ends in dust and disarray

Like wind on the plains, sand through the glass Waves rolling in with the tide Dreams die hard and we watch them erode But we cannot be denied The Fire inside

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LIKE A ROCK

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

My fondest memory of this recording is of David Cole and I listening to Rick Vito play the slide guitar solo late one night at Rumbo Studios in LA. It was the single most spectacular overdub I'd ever heard.

Stood there boldly Sweatin' in the sun Felt like a million Felt like number one The height of summer I'd never felt that strong Like a rock

I was eighteen Didn't have a care Working for peanuts Not a dime to spare But I was lean and Solid everywhere Like a rock

My hands were steady
My eyes were clear and bright
My walk had purpose
My steps were quick and light
And I held firmly
To what I felt was right
Like a rock

Like a rock, I was strong as I could be Like a rock, nothin' ever got to me Like a rock, I was something to see Like a rock

And I stood arrow straight
Unecumbered by the weight
Of all these hustlers and the their schemes
I stood proud, I stood tall
High above it all
I still believed in my dreams

Twenty years now Where'd they go? Twenty years I don't know I sit and I wonder sometimes Where they've gone

And sometimes late at night When I'm bathed in the firelight The moon comes callin' a ghostly white And I recall I recall

Like a rock, standin' arrow straight Like a rock, chargin' from the gate Like a rock, carryin' the weight Like a rock

Like a rock, the sun upon my skin Like a rock, hard against the wind Like a rock, I see myself again Like a rock

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C'EST LA VIE

WRITTEN BY CHUCK BERRY

We had a lot of fun doing this old Chuck Berry nugget. Entirely live. No overdubs.

It was a teenage wedding and the old folks wished 'em well

You could see that Pierre did truly love the mademoiselle And now the young monsieur and madam have rung the chapel bell

C'est la vie say the old folks, it goes to show you never can tell

They finished off an apartment with a two-room Roebuck sale

The coolerator was jammed with TV dinners and ginger ale

And when Pierre found work, the little money comin' worked out well

C'est la vie say the old folks, it goes to show you never can tell

They had a hi-fi phono, boy did they let it blast Seven hundred little records, all blues, rock rhythm, and jazz

But when the sun went down, the volume went down as well

C'est la vie say the old folks, it goes to show you never can tell

They bought a souped-up jitney, it was a cherry red '53

And drove it down to New Orleans to celebrate their anniversary

It was there where Pierre was wedded to the lovely mademoiselle

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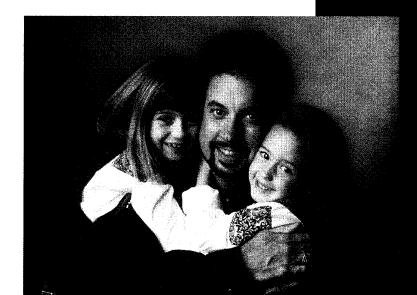
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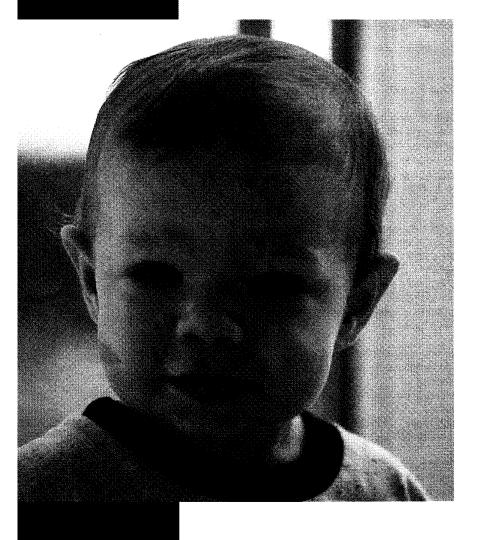
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Chelsea, Alto & Victoria Reed





IN YOUR TIME

WRITTEN BY BOB SEGER

A new song written for my son Cole

In your time
The innocence will fall away
In your time
The mission bells will toll
All along
The corridors and river beds
There'll be sign
In your time

Towering waves
Will crash across your southern capes
Massive storms
Will reach you eastern shores
Fields of green
Will tumble through your summer days
by design
In your time

Feel the wind And set yourself the bolder course Keep your heart As open as a shrine You'll sail the perfect line

And after all
The dead ends and the lessons learned
After all
The stars have turned to stone
There'll be peace
Across the great unbroken void
All benign
In your time
You'll be fine
In your time

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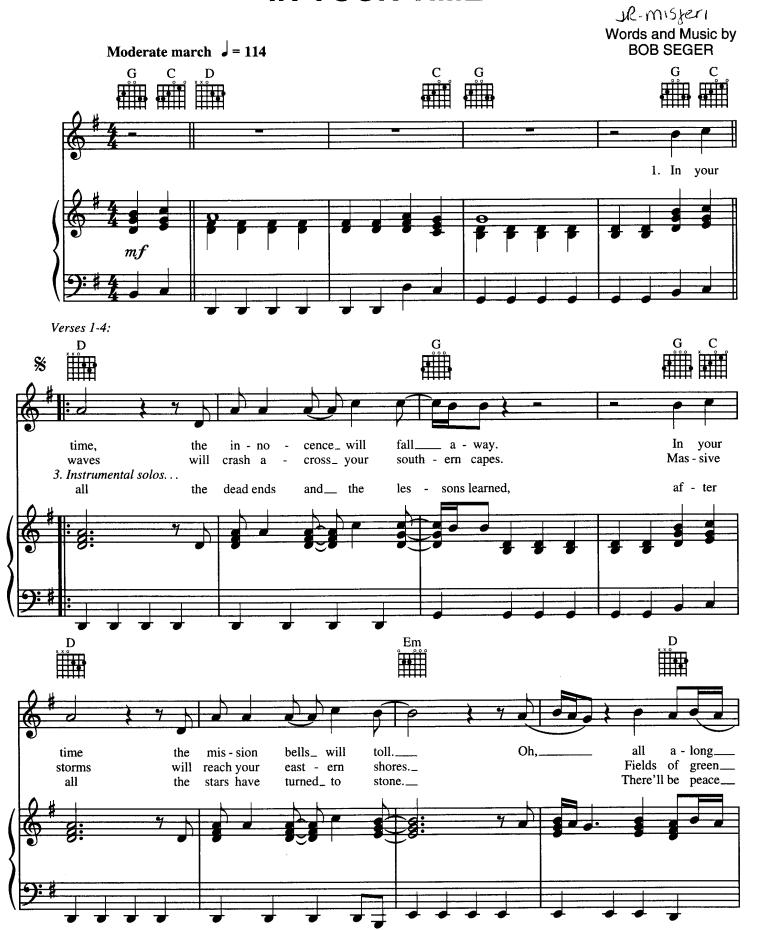


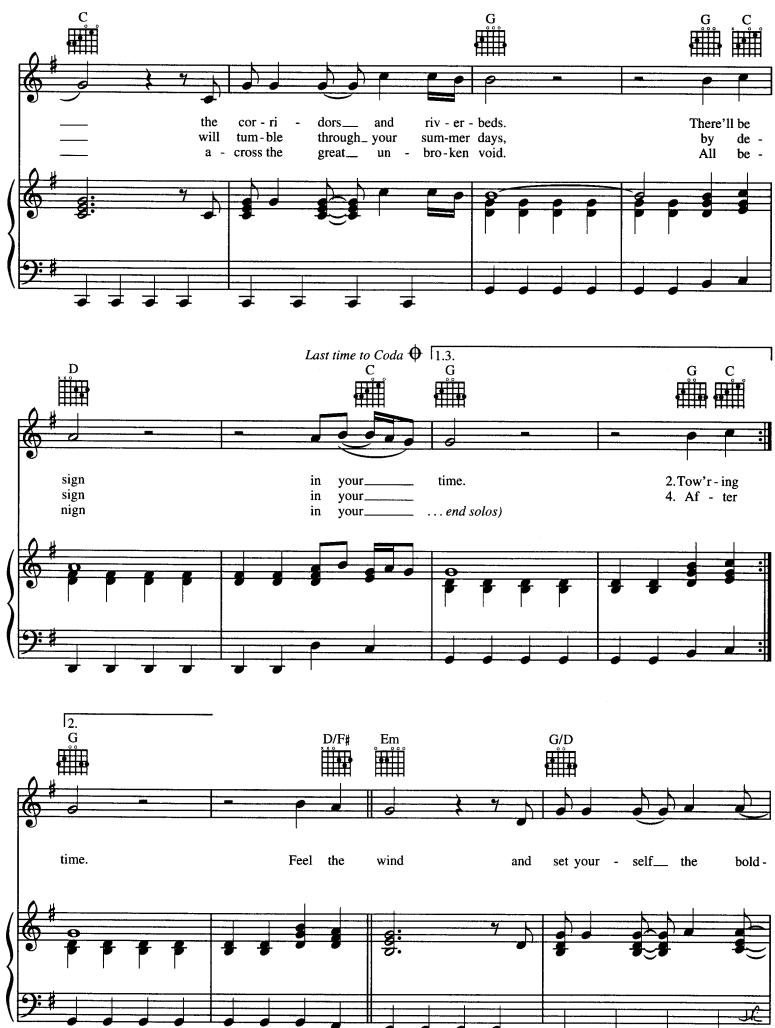






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 Where they've gone.
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 When I'm bathed in the firelight,
 The moon comes callin' a ghostly
 white,
 And I recall.

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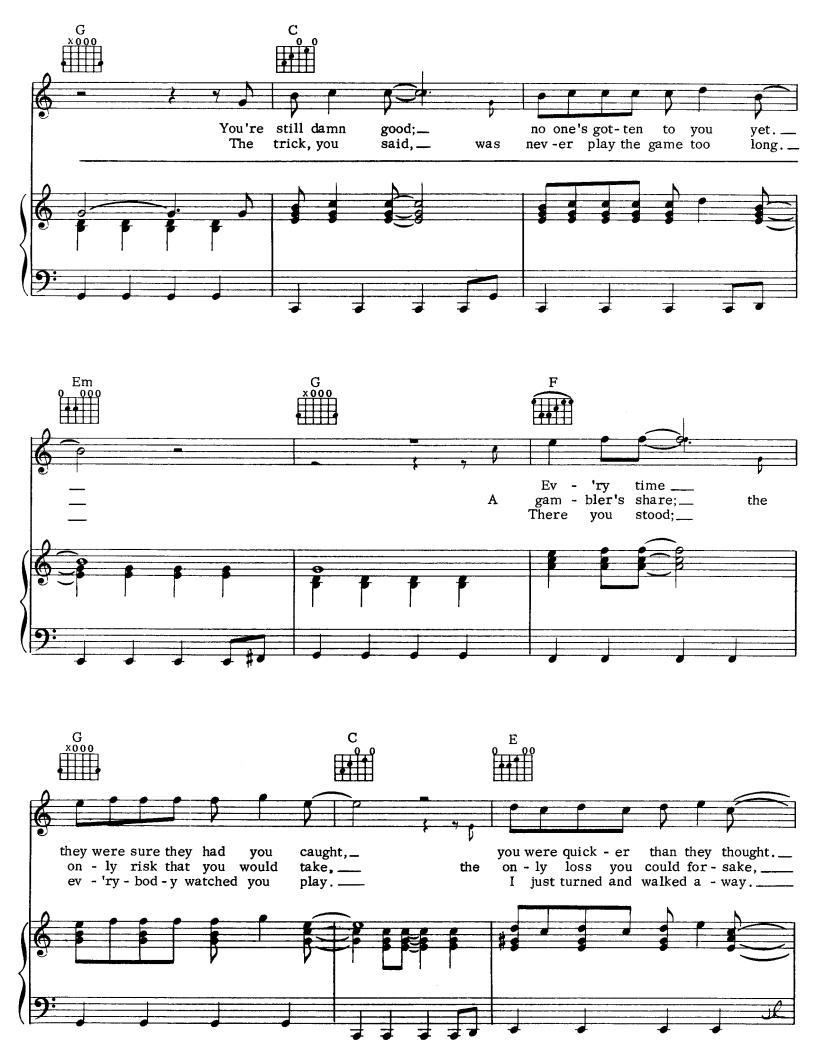




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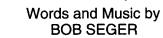






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Chorus:

Verse 3:

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