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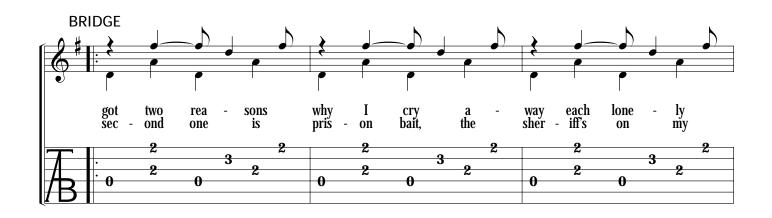
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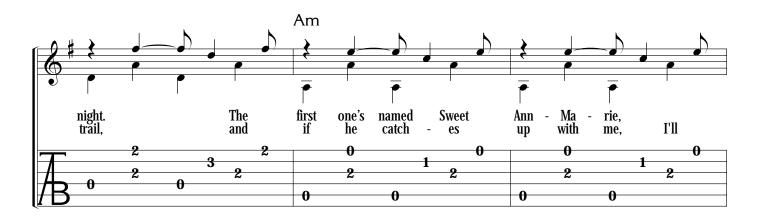
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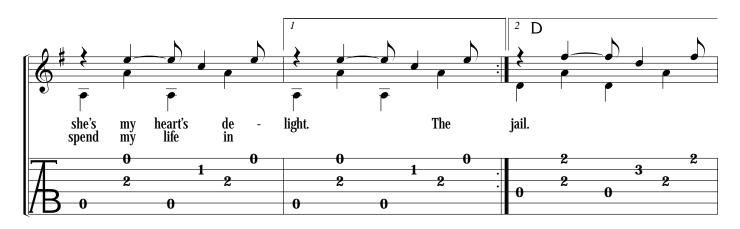
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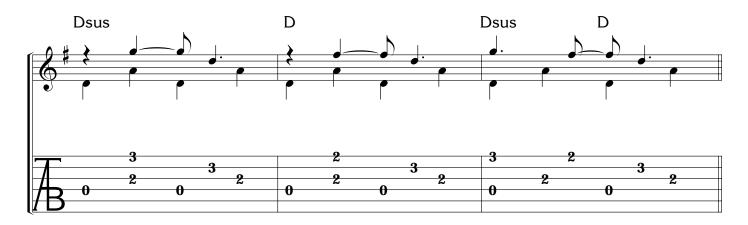
## FRIEND OF THE DEVIL













## FRIEND OF THE DEVIL

### LEAD SHEET



#### FRIEND OF THE DEVIL

1. I lit out from Reno, I was trailed by twenty hounds. Didn't get to sleep that night 'til morning came around.

Chorus:

I set out runnin' but I take my time, a friend of the devil is a friend of mine. If I get home before daylight, just might get some sleep tonight.

- 2. Ran into the devil, babe, he loaned me twenty bills. I spent the night in Utah in a cave up in the hills. *(chorus)*
- 3. I ran down to the levee but the devil caught me there. He took my twenty dollar bill and vanished in the air. *(chorus)*

Bridge:

Got two reasons why I cry away each lonely night. First one's named sweet Ann-Marie, she's my heart's delight. Second one is prison bait, the sheriff's on my trail, And if he catches up with me I'll spend my life in jail.

4. Got a wife in Chino, babe, one in Cherokee. First one say she's got my child but it don't look like me. *(chorus)* 

# **DEAL**







## **DEAL**

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1. Since it costs a lot to win and even more to lose, You and me bound to spend some time wond'ring what to choose.

Chorus:

Goes to show, you don't ever know.

Watch each card you play and play it slow.

Wait until that deal comes round.

Don'cha let that deal go down, no, no.

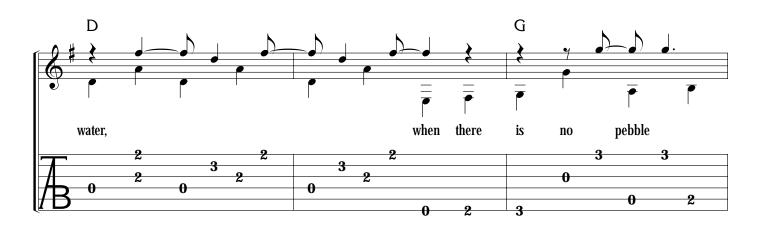
- I've been gamblin' hereabouts for ten good solid years.
   If I told you 'bout all that went down, it might burn off both your ears.
   (chorus)
- 3. Since you poured the wine for me and tightened up our shoes, I hate to see you sitting there composing lonesome blues. *(chorus)*

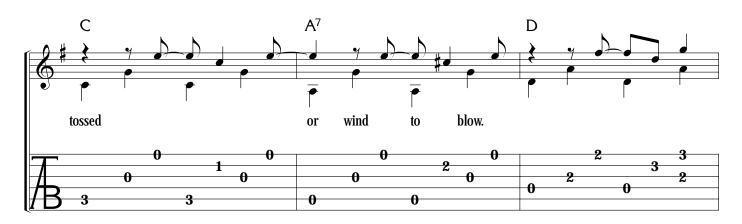
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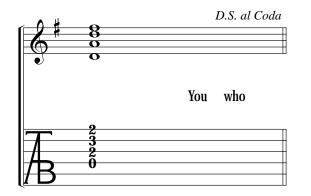


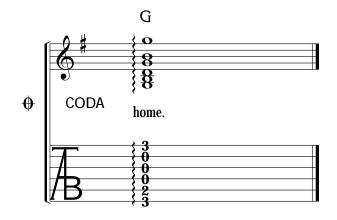












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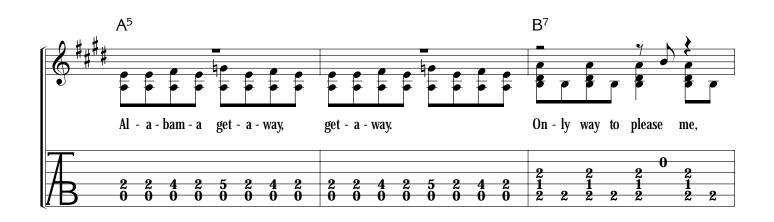
- If my words did glow with the gold of sunshine and my tunes were played on the harp unstrung, Would you hear my voice come through the music, would you hold it near as if it were your own?
- 2. It's a hand me down, the thoughts are broken.Perhaps they're better left unsung.I don't know, don't really care.Let there be songs to fill the air.

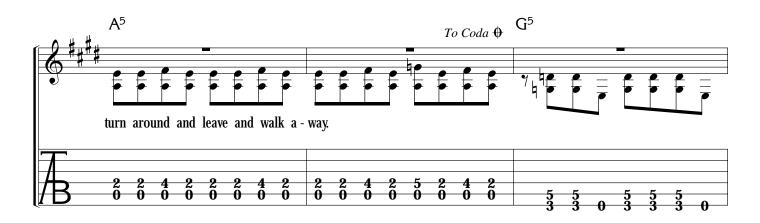
Chorus:
Ripple in still water,
when there is no pebble tossed, nor wind to blow.

- Reach out your hand if your cup be empty.
   If your cup is full, may it be again.
   Let it be known there is a fountain that was not made by the hands of man.
- There is a road, no simple highway, between the dawn and the dark of night.
   And if you go, no one may follow, that path is for your steps alone. (chorus)
- You who choose to lead must follow, but if you fall, you fall alone.
   If you should stand, then who's to guide you?
   If I knew the way, I would take you home.

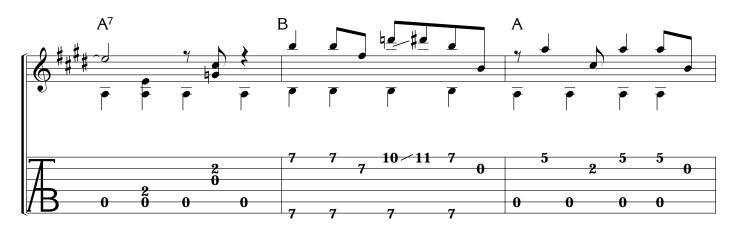
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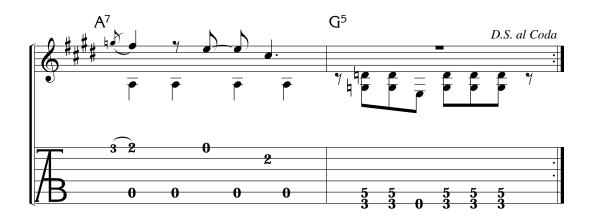


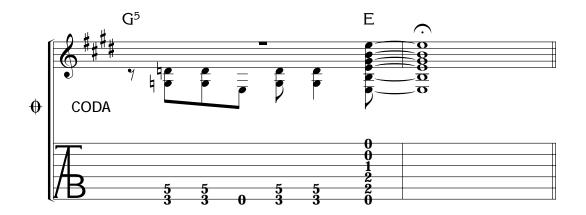






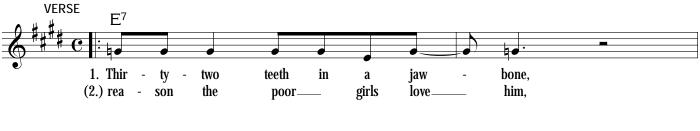






# ALABAMA GETAWAY

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#### ALABAMA GETAWAY

- 1. Thirty-two teeth in a jawbone, Alabama tryin' for none. Before I have to hit him, I hope he's got the sense to run.
- 2. Reason the poor girls love him, promise them anything. Why they all believe him, he wears a big diamond ring.

#### Chorus:

Alabama getaway, getaway, Alabama getaway, getaway. Only way to please me, turn around and leave and walk away. (Just get up and leave and walk away.)

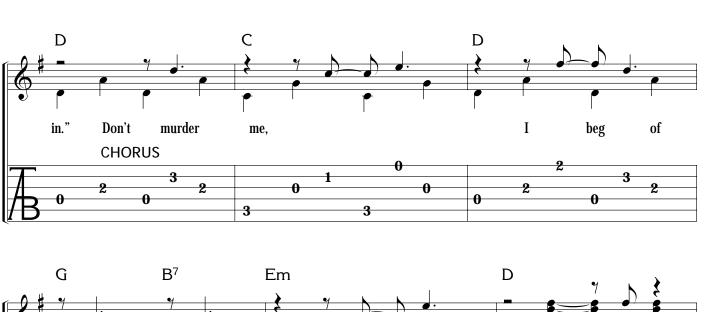
- 3. Major-Domo Billy Bojangles, sit down and have a drink with me. What's this about Alabama, it keeps a-comin' back to me?
- 4. I heard your plea in the court house, witness box began to rock and rise. Forty-nine sister states all had Alabama in their eyes. *(chorus)*
- 5. Major said, "Why don't we give him rope enough to hang himself? No need to worry the jury, his kind take care of themselves."
- 6. Twenty-third psalm, Major-Domo, reserve me a table for three.

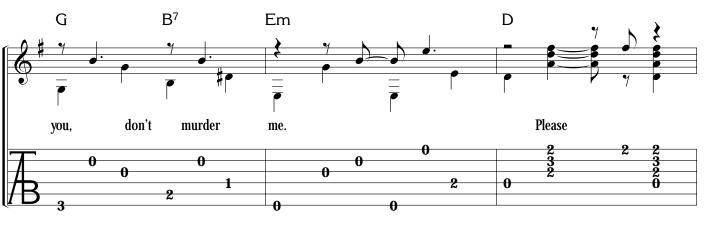
  In the valley of the shadow, just you and Alabama and me. *(chorus)*

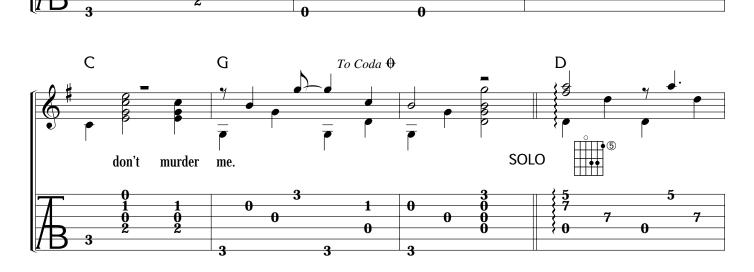
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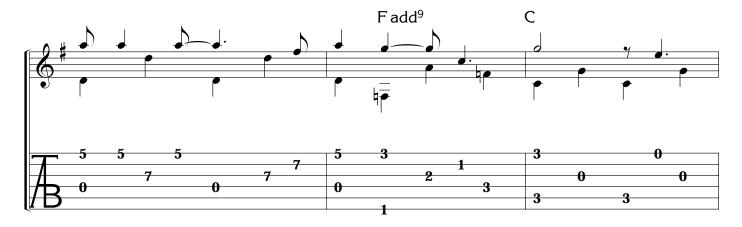










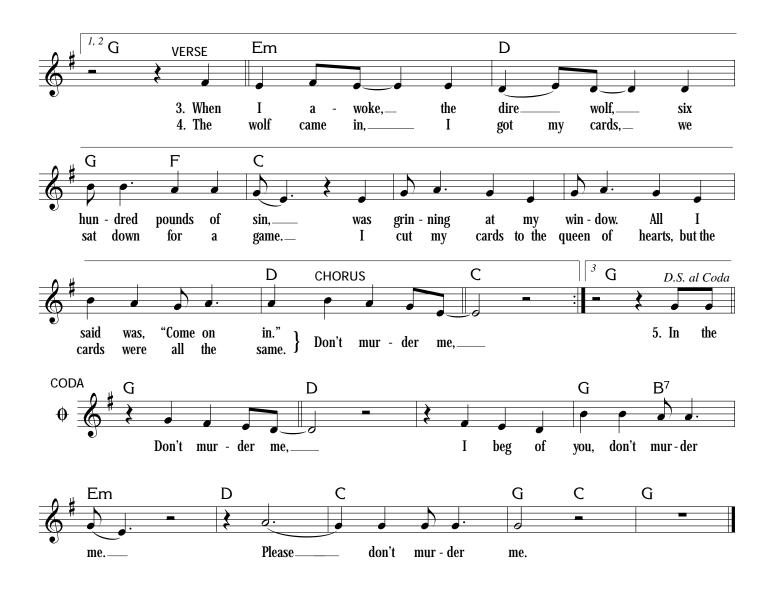




## DIRE WOLF

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#### **DIRE WOLF**

1. In the timbers of Fennario, the wolves are runnin' 'round.

The winter was so hard and cold, froze ten feet 'neath the ground.

Chorus:
Don't murder me, I beg of you,
Don't murder me, please don't murder me.

- 2. I sat down to my supper, 'twas a bottle of red whiskey.

  I said my prayers, went to bed, that's the last they saw of me.

  (chorus)
- 3. When I awoke, the dire wolf, six hundred pounds of sin, Was grinning at my window. All I said was, "Come on in." *(chorus)*
- 4. The wolf came in, I got my cards, we sat down for a game.

  I cut my deck to the queen of hearts, but the cards were all the same.

  (chorus)
- 5. In the backwash of Fennario, the black and bloody mire,
  The dire wolf collects his due while the boys sing 'round the fire.

  (chorus)

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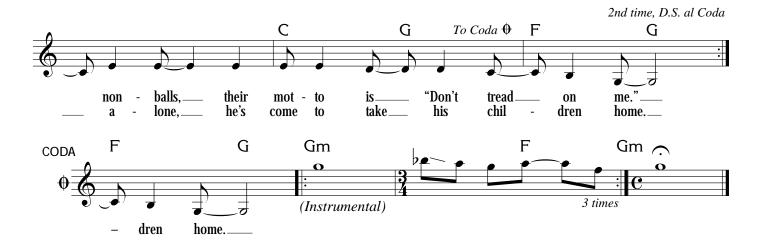




# UNCLE JOHN'S BAND

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#### **UNCLE JOHN'S BAND**

- 1. Well, the first days are the hardest days. Don't you worry anymore. 'Cause when life looks like Easy Street there is danger at your door. Think this through with me, let me know your mind. What I want to know is, are you kind?
- 2. It's a buckdancer's choice, my friend, better take my advice. You know all the rules by now and the fire from the ice. Will you come with me? Won't you come with me? Wo, I want to know, will you come with me?

#### Chorus:

God damn, well I declare, have you seen the like?
Their walls are built with cannonballs, their motto is "Don't tread on me."
Come hear Uncle John's band playing to the tide.
Come with me or go alone, he's come to take his children home.

- 3. It's the same story the crow told me, it's the only one he knows. Like the morning sun you come and like the wind you go. Ain't no time to hate, barely time to wait. What I want to know, where does the time go?
- 4. I lived in a silver mine and I call it Beggar's Tomb. I got me a violin and I beg you call the tune. Anybody's choice, I can hear your voice. What I want to know is, how does the song go?

#### Chorus:

Come hear Uncle John's band by the riverside.
Got some things to talk about here beside the rising tide.
Come hear Uncle John's band playing to the tide.
Come with me or go alone, he's come to take his children home.

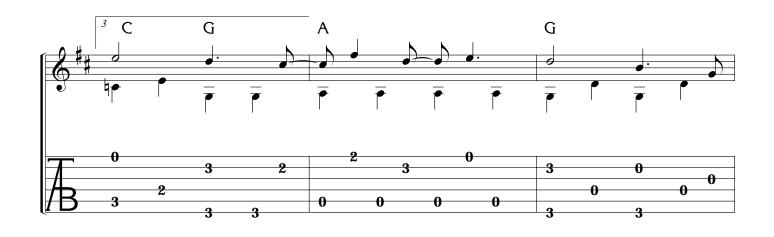
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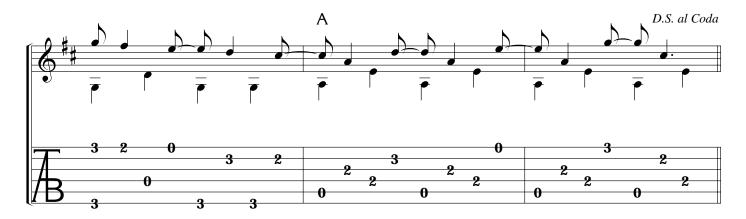


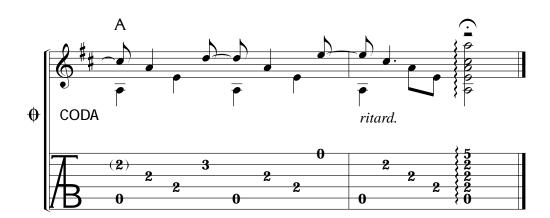












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#### TOUCH OF GREY

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It must be getting early, clocks are running late.
 Paint-by-numbers morning sky looks so phony.
 Dawn is breaking everywhere. Light a candle, curse the glare.
 Draw the curtains, I don't care 'cause it's all right.

Chorus:

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I will get by, I will get by, I will get by, I will survive.

I see you've got your fist out. Say your piece and get out.
Yes I got the gist of it, but it's alright.
Sorry that you feel that way. The only thing there is to say.
Every silver lining's got a touch of grey.
(chorus)

Bridge:

It's a lesson to me, the Abels and the Bakers and the Cees. The ABCs we all must face, tryin' to keep a little grace.

I know the rent is in arrears, the dog has not been fed in years.
 It's even worse than it appears but it's alright.
 Cows are giving kerosene. The kid can't read at seventeen.
 The words he knows are all obscene but it's alright.
 (chorus)

Bridge:

It's a lesson to me, the Deltas and the east and the freeze. The ABCs we all think of, tryin' to keep a little love.

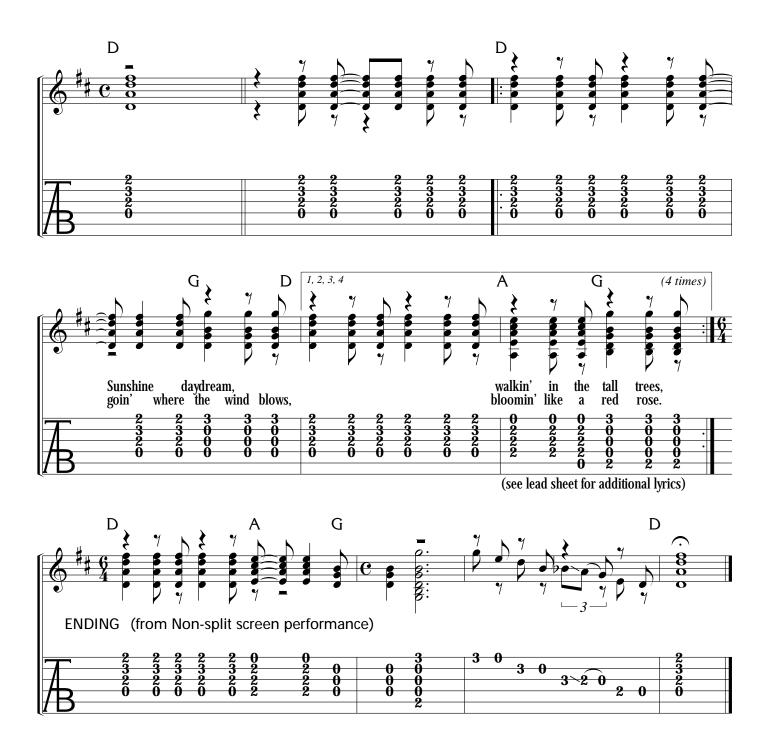
The shoe is on the hand it fits, there's really nothing much to it.
 Whistle through your teeth and spit 'cause it's all right.
 Oh well, a touch of grey kinda suits you, anyway.
 That was all I had to say, but it's alright.
 (chorus)

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## Solo



### LEAD SHEET



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Come on,



- Sugar Magnolia, blossoms bloomin', head's all empty and I don't care.
   Saw my baby down by the river, knew she'd have to come up soon for air.
- Sweet blossom, come on under the willow, we can have high times if you'll abide.We can discover the wonders of nature, wading in the rushes down by the riverside.

#### Chorus:

She's got everything delightful, She's got everything I need. Takes the wheel when I'm seein' double, pays my ticket when I speed.

3. She comes skimming through rays of violet. She can wade in a drop of dew. She don't come and I don't follow, waits backstage while I sing to you.

#### Chorus:

She's got everything delightful, She's got everything I need. Breeze in the pines and the sun and bright moonlight, lazing in the sunshine, yes indeed.

4. She can dance a Cajun rhythm, jump like a Willys in four-wheel drive. She's a summer love in the spring, fall and winter. She can make happy any man alive.

#### Interlude:

Sugar Magnolia, ringin' that bluebell, caught up in sunlight. Come on out singin'. I'll walk you in the sunshine. Come on, honey, come along with me.

Sometimes when the cuckoo's cryin', when the moon is halfway down, Sometimes when the night is dyin', I take me out and I wander 'round. I wander 'round.

#### Coda:

Sunshine daydream, walkin' in the tall trees,
Goin' where the wind goes, blooming like a red rose.
Breathin' more freely, ride out singin',
I'll walk you in the morning sunshine.
Sunshine daydream, sunshine daydream, walkin' in the sunshine.

# TRUCKIN'

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# TRUCKIN'

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#### TRUCKIN'

1. Truckin', got my chips cashed in, keep truckin' like the doo dah man. Together, more or less in line, just keep truckin' on.

Arrows of neon and flashing marquees out on Main Street, Chicago, New York, Detroit, it's all the same street. The typical city involved in the typical daydream. Hang it up and see what tomorrow brings.

2. Dallas got a soft machine. Houston, too close to New Orleans. New York got the ways and means but just won't let you be.

Most of the cats that you meet on the street speak of true love. Most of the time they're sittin' and cryin' at home. One of these days they know they gotta get goin'. Out of the door and into the street all alone.

3. Truckin', like the doo dah man once told me, "You got to play your hand. Sometimes the cards ain't worth a dime if you don't lay 'em down."

#### Bridge:

Sometimes the light's all shinin' on me, other times I can barely see. Lately it occurs to me what a long, strange trip it's been.

4. What in the world ever became of sweet Jane? She lost her sparkle, you know she isn't the same. Livin' on reds, vitamin C and cocaine. All her friends can say is, "Ain't it a shame."

5. Truckin' up to Buffalo, been thinkin', you got to mellow slow. Takes time, too, you pick a place to go, just keep truckin' on.

Sittin' and starin' out of the hotel window, Got a tip they're gonna kick the door in again. I like to get some sleep before I travel, But if you got a warrant, I guess you're gonna come in.

6. Busted, down on Bourbon Street, set up like a bowling pin, Knocked down, it gets to wearin' thin. They just won't let you be.

You're sick of hangin' around and you'd like to travel.

Get tired of travelin', you wanna settle down.

I guess they can't revoke your soul for trying.

Get out of the door, light out and look all around (bridge)

7. Truckin', I'm a-goin' home. Oh baby, that's where I belong.

Back home, sit down and patch my bones and get back truckin' on.