

# Taking The Wheel

Words and Music by  
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Freely (♩ = 76)

G(add2) A(add11)/G G(add2) Gmaj7/B

*mp* It's no— good, it's— too pat.— I can't just play\* a fi-nal song, say "so long"— and leave

*mp*

With pedal

Driving (Get it?) (♩ = 88)

C(add2) G(add2) A(add11)/G G(add2) Gmaj7

— it at— that. It's all— right, I've— got time.— So I did-n't hitch a ride— on a rock-et to the top, I'll get—

*mf*

*mf* (Emphasize lower voice of left hand)

*mf*

Pedal lightly

C/G D(add4,no5)/G C/G D/G G

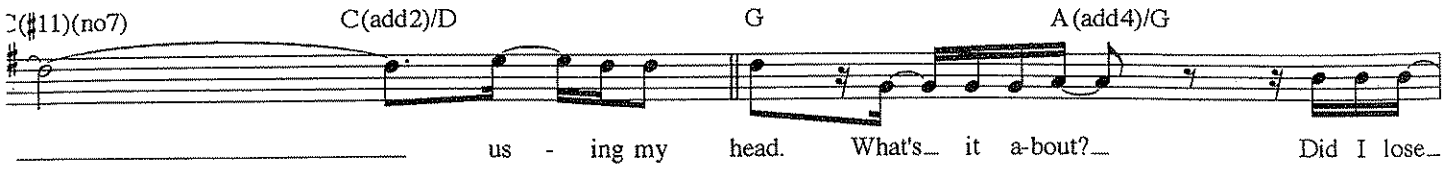
— there in a— stead - y climb. What— did it— mean? What— have I learned?

C/G D/G G C/G D/G G

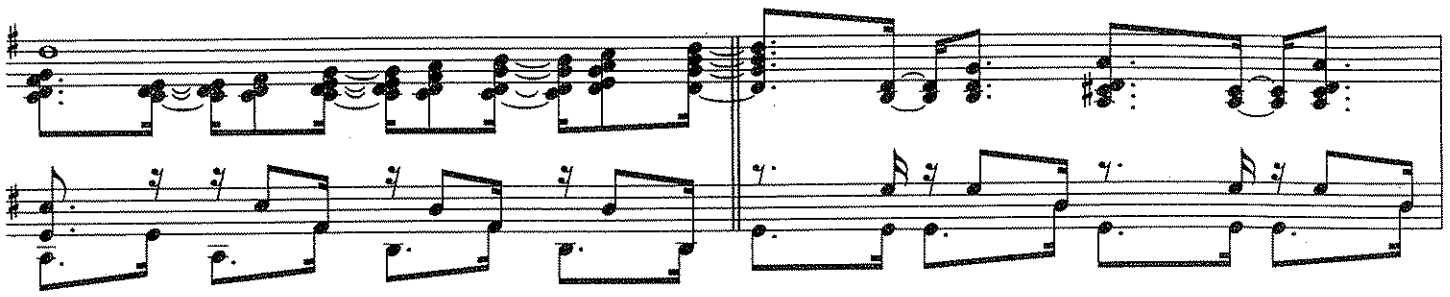
Cros-sing brid - ges be-fore they're burned. Lead-ing life— in - stead of be - in' led,—

\* Alternate lyrics: "sing" a final song

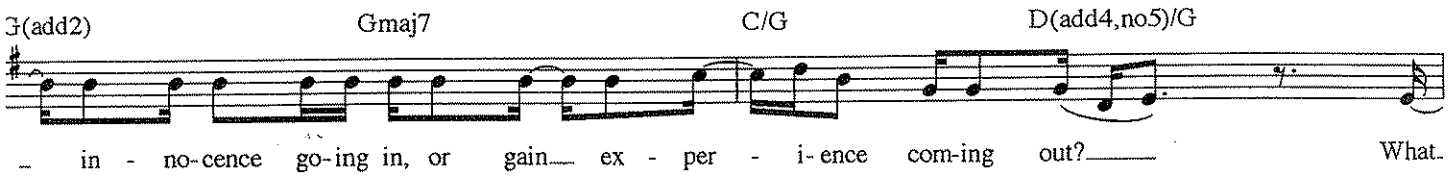
C(#11)(no7) C(add2)/D G A(add4)/G



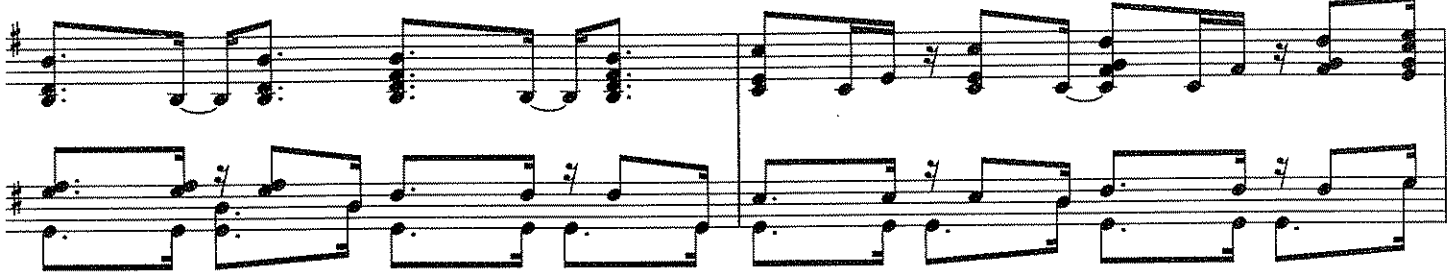
us - ing my head. What's... it a-bout? Did I lose...



F3(add2) Gmaj7 C/G D(add4,no5)/G



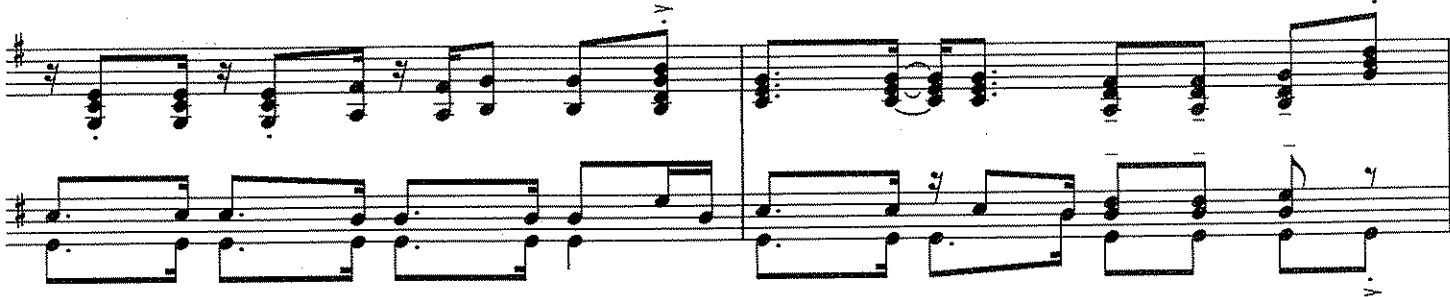
in - nocence go-ing in, or gain... ex - per - i-ence com-ing out? What...



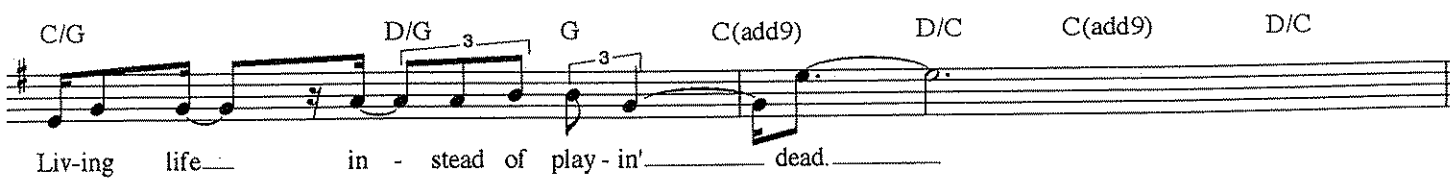
C/G D/G G C/G D/G G



did it... mean? What... have I learned? Eat-in' off tab-les be-fore... they're turned...



C/G D/G 3 G 3 C(add9) D/C C(add9) D/C



Liv-ing life... in - stead of play - in'... dead...



19 **C** **D/C** **C** **D/C** **C**

Throw-in' down the pen-cil and grab-bin' a pen. Tak-in' the wheel, driv-ing a-gain.

21 **D/C** **C** **G/B** **Am7** **Cmaj9/G**

Throw-in' down the pen-cil and writ-ing in ink: "This is how I feel, this is what I think."

23 **D/F#** **Em7** **F/Eb**

Dream-in' a-gain, and mak-in' those dreams

25 **D11** **G** **A(add4)/G**

real... No big deal, I'll hit my stride... If I'm not

27 G(add2) Gmaj7 C/G D(add4,no5)/G

break-in' the rib - bon at the end of the race— it's on - ly 'cause I have - n't tried.— What.

29 C/G D/G G C/G D/G G

- did it— mean? What— have I learned? Tak-in' the cred - it I know I've earned.

31 C/G D/G G C(add9) D/C C(add9) D/C D.S. al

Wak-in' up, and fly - ing out of bed.

33 D11 G C/G G

— real, tak - ing the wheel. I've—

## More Forcefully

35 C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G

— been in the back seat long e-nough,— tag - gin' a-long— for the— ride. I've—

37 C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G Am7 Bb Cm11(no9) Bb/D

— been in the back seat long e-nough— to know. ————— That—

39 C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G

— you nev-er get what you de-serve— if— you nev-er can de-cide.— There's on—

41 C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G Am7 Bb C/Bb Bb

ly one way to get— where you want— to go.—

43 C D/C C D/C C

Throw-in' down the pen-cil and grab-bin' a pen. Tak-in' the wheel,— driv-ing— a-gain.—

8<sup>vb</sup> 8<sup>vb</sup> 8<sup>vb</sup>

45 D/C C 3 3 G/B Am7 Cmaj9/G

Throw-in' down the pen-cil and writ-ing in ink: "This is how I feel,— this— is what— I think."—

8<sup>vb</sup>

47 D/F# Em7 F/Eb

Dream-in' a-gain,— and mak-in' those dreams—

8<sup>vb</sup> \*

49 D11 G C/G G

— real,— tak-ing the wheel.—

sempre f

C(#11)(no7) C D11 D7. C(add2)/G G C(add2)/G G

51

C(#11)(no7) C D11 D7 C(add2)/G G C(add2)/G G

53

Eb(#11)(no7) Eb F11 F7 Eb(add2)/Bb Bb C/D D/G

55

Eb/F F/G D#Eb Eb/F D11 Bm/D Ab/D Gmaj7/D

58

*sempre f* I've... been in the back seat long e-nough... tag-

62 D11 Gmaj7/D D11 G Gsus/A

gin' a-long\_ for the\_ ride. I've\_ been in the back seat long e-nough\_ to know.

64 Bb Cm7(11) Bb/D C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G

*gliss.* That you nev-er get what you de-serve\_ if\_

66 C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G Am7

- you nev-er can de-cide.\_ There's on - ly one way to get\_ where you want\_ to go\_

68 Bb C/Bb Bb C/Bb Bb C/Bb Bb

*cresc.*



70 C D/C C D/C C

Throw-in' down the pen-cil and grab-bin' a pen. Tak-in' the wheel, driv - ing a - gain.

*ff*

72 D/C C G/B Am7 Cmaj9/G

Throw-in' down the pen-cil and writ-ing in ink: "This is how I feel, this is what I think."

*ff*

74 D/F# Em7 F/Eb

Dream-in' a-gain, and mak-in' those dreams

*sub mf cresc.*

76 D11 F/Eb

real... Dream-in' a-gain, and mak-in' those dreams

*Red. \**

78 D11 D6 C/D D F/Eb

real... Dream-in' a-gain, and mak-in' those dreams.

80 C/D D C/D D C/D D C/D

real... *ff* Tak - ing

82 G C(add2)/E Dsus/F# G Am7

the wheel.

*ff cresc.*

84 Bb Cm7(11) Bb/D Eb C(add2)/E Dsus/F# Bb C Eb(add9) F G

*fff*