Original Songs

Compiled by John J. Donovan

A Day Gone By (words and music by John J. Donovan, © 1978)

Verse 1

Well there's this girl I hardly know, and I love her even though, She's far away, an' it sometimes feels, she's there to stay.

Now I know she ain't no fool, and she's not just being cruel, She's got some things, she's got to find, the answer to.

Refrain

Yes, the stars that shine at night, are a cold and lonely sight, And she could change it all, if she were here.

She'd say: "John, well we were wrong, you know it hurt to wait so long, But now we know, the pain was just, a day gone by".

Verse 2

Now I know, that anyday, she'll be here, and here she'll stay. Well that's the way, I know she feels, it oughta be.

But right now, my heart is full, of the emptyness 'round me, An' I don't think that, that she'll get here, a day too soon.

Instrumental Bridge Repeat Verse 1 Refrain Ending Intro D G C A Verse G A D C AC A **D7** G A **D7** D Refrain DG A G D \mathbf{G} \mathbf{A} C A G A DG A \mathbf{G} \mathbf{A} D A Bridge F#m G F#m G A D A

Ending (repeat)
A G D A

Chilly Cold Wind

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Verse 1

Chilly cold wind, blowing in my window, Chilly cold wind, blowing in my door.

Did I hurt you? If I did I'm sorry.

Please forgive me, like you did before.

Rain coming down, just listen to the weather.

Rain coming down, there's a whole lot more.

Chilly cold wind, blowing in my window, Chilly cold wind, blowing in my door.

Verse 2

Leaves falling down, gathered in my driveway, Leaves falling down, gathered up so high.

Let me hold you, and say I'm sorry,

Let me hold you, will you let me try?

Sky's getting dark, just listen to the wind blow.

Sky's getting dark, cause the day's gone by.

Leaves falling down, gathered in my driveway, Leaves falling down, gathered up so high.

Chorus

It Rains Here, some of the time.

Some of the time, but not all year.

She cries here, once in a while.

Once in a while, even when it's clear.

Dry up, pretty little darling.

Dry up, all of your tears...

It Rains Here, some of the time.

Once in a while, even when it's clear.

Instrumental Verse Repeat verse 1 Repeat Chorus

Key of D (use capo VII,	G chords)
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Vers	ie –				
4/4	GGCG	3/4	GGC	4/4	DDDD
4/4	GGCG	3/4	CCG	4/4	DDDD
4/4	GGCG	3/4	GGC	4/4	DDDD
4/4	GGCG	3/4	GGD	4/4	GGGG
Cho	rus				
4/4	CGCG	3/4	CCG	4/4	DDDD
4/4	CGCG	3/4	GGD	4/4	GGGG
4/4	DDGG	3/4	DDG	4/4	CCCC
4/4	CGCG	3/4	GGD	4/4	GGGG

Key of D (no capo)

Vers	re				
4/4	DDGD	3/4	DDG	4/4	AAAA
4/4	DDGD	3/4	GGD	4/4	AAAA
4/4	DDGD	3/4	DDG	4/4	AAAA
4/4	DDGD	3/4	DDA	4/4	DDDD
Cho	rus				
4/4	GDGD	3/4	GGD	4/4	AAAA
4/4	GDGD	3/4	DDA	4/4	DDDD
4/4	AADD	3/4	AAD	4/4	GGGG
4/4	GDGD	3/4	DDA	4/4	DDDD

Drivin' Fast, Just Nowhere by John Donovan (2	009)
Verse 1 (gonna) Keep, On Drivin', yes I'm Dri-vin'	On, to the end
Keep On Drivin', <i>Drivin'</i> , Drivin' Fast, just nowhere	
(aww) Gears grind, hit the gas, get off your ass and head of Hold on, keep up the pace, there ain't no winner in the	
riold on, keep up the pace, there am tho winner in the	
Verse 2	
(I) Feel, Like Flyin', yes I'm Fly-in' Hig	
Feel Like Flyin', <i>Flyin'</i> , Flyin' High, just nowhere	
(ohh) I'm not ever gonna stop, never gonna stop, never gor	
Can't stop, can't go on, if I slow down then I'll be go	one
Verse 3	
Hold, Me Closer, Hold Me Close, at the end	<u> </u>
Hold Me Closer, <i>Closer</i> , Holdin' Fast, just nowhere_	
(yeah) Tell me, what it means, tell me what it is, tell me wh	
Hang on, won't be long, almost there and I'll be gon	e

Intro (key of G modal, all F notes are natural)

G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f | G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f | Hammer on D-F | G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f | G5,7c,a,f |

Verse

G5 | G5 | F Fsus4 | G5 | G5 | Hammer on A-C bass... G5 | G5 | F Fsus4 | G5 | G5 | Hammer on A-C bass...

G5 C/G G5 C/G | G5 C/G F C7

G5 C/G G5 C/G | G5 C/G F (G5,7) Directly to repeat intro...

Repeat Intro

G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f | G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f

G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f | G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f | Next verse...

Outro (Repeat Intro)

G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f | G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f

G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f | G5,7 | G5,7c,a,f | G5____

Hang On, To Yourself (for Jen's movie) by John Donovan © 2005

(written for Jen's video) 1. I see myself, I see the stranger there, It's just the face I used to see, Not so long ago_____. Turn away, turn and go. 2. I'm getting ready for the time of my life, Tonight's not just another night, To keep me company____. For once my heart, is feeling free. Chorus Hang on, Hang in, Hang on, to yourself! Hang on, Hang in, Hang on, to yourself! 3. I watch the clock, or is it watching me? A moment frozen in my life, Reaching for the door____. Face the fear, I felt before. Chorus Hang on, Hang in, Hang on, to yourself! Hang on, Hang in,

Hang on, to yourself!

Verse

Em C G D

Em C G D

G D C C

G Am C D

Chorus

G C G Am

G C D D

G C G Am

G C D D

(I Know That) She Loves Me

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Capo V

(moderately fast in two)

Intro (2nd half of Verse)

Verse

How do I explain, all the love I see?

And thank her for, the things she's done for me.

I hope I have the chance, to tell her what I know,

That I know something, something that's hard to show...

Verse

How could a woman like her, give her love so free, Why does she waste her time with me?

I don't know, I'm just glad she cares,

But I know something, something I want to share...

Chorus

That's right, I know that, she loves me, she loves me more each day. I know she wants me every night, that's just her crazy way.

That's why, I know that, she loves me, she loves me with all her heart. She knows I feel the same 'bout her, and that's the sweetest part.

Verse

It's hard for me to say, just what makes her stay, But it's nice to see her here, as I turn gray. As the years go by, I'll sit and wonder why, How it is, she never said good-bye?

Chorus (repeat)
Instrumental on Verse

Verse

The hardest work I know, is to build a love that grows,
One that will bring you to your knees.
The future is unknown, but we have nothing to fear,
'Cause I know something, something that's mighty clear...

Chorus (repeat)

Chorus (repeat 2nd half) Ending (2nd half of Verse)

Intro	/Endi	ng	(Key	of G,	play a	at capo V, ac	tually key of C)
\mathbf{C}	C/B	\mathbf{D}		\mathbf{G}		\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{C}		D		G		\mathbf{G}	
O		D		J		G	
Verse	e						
\mathbf{C}	C/B	\mathbf{D}		\mathbf{G}		em	
\mathbf{C}		D		em		em	
C	C/B	D		\mathbf{G}		C	
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C		D		J		J	
Chor	us						
D	G	D	G	\mathbf{C}	D	\mathbf{G}	
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D	G	D	G	C	D	G	
\mathbf{C}	D	G	J	$\ddot{\mathbf{C}}$	D	$\ddot{\mathbf{G}}$	(G)
C	D	G		C	D	G	(U)
Intro F F	/Endi F/E	ng G G	(Key	of C,	play w	vith capo V c F C	hords above)
F F	F/E	\mathbf{G}	(Key	C	play w	F	hords above)
F F Verse	F/E	G G	(Key	C C	play w	F C	hords above)
F F Verse F	F/E	G G	(Key	C C	play w	F C	hords above)
F F Verse	F/E	G G	(Key	C C	play w	F C	chords above)
F Verse F F	F/E F/E	G G G	(Key	C C C am	play w	F C am am	chords above)
F Verse F F	F/E	G G G G	(Key	C C am	play w	F C am am	chords above)
F Verse F F	F/E F/E	G G G	(Key	C C C am	play w	F C am am	chords above)
F Verse F F F	F/E F/E	G G G G	(Key	C C am	play w	F C am am	chords above)
F F F Chor	F/E F/E F/E	G G G G		C C am C C		F C am am F C	chords above)
F F F Chor	F/E F/E Cus C	G G G G G	(Key	C C am C C F	G	F C am am F C	
F F F Chor	F/E F/E F/E	G G G G		C C am C C		F C am am F C	chords above)
F F F Chor G F	F/E F/E Cus C G	G G G G G	C	C C am C C F F	$egin{array}{c} \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{G} \end{array}$	F C am am F C	
F F F Chor	F/E F/E Cus C	G G G G G		C C am C C F	G	F C am am F C	

Leavin' Home

by John J. Donovan © 2001

Verse 1

Fare thee well, my gentle belle, my friend, I have to leave again.

I know, too bad we both can't go.

Wait for me, 'cause soon you'll see, once more, I'll be standin' at your door.

And then, I'll be with you again.

Chorus

Leavin' Home, on the road once more,

all alone, lonely to the core.

Leavin' Home, to-night, out the door, into the night!

Verse 2

Far apart, our thoughts are not, 'cause we, know what each other needs. It's true, we are but one not two.

Don't be scared, you are prepared, to wait, until I'm back at your gate. You'll see, 'cause this I guarantee.

Chorus

Leavin' Home, on the road once more, all alone, lonely to the core.

Leavin' Home, to-night, out the door, into the night!

Bridge

I'll miss, the way you feel tonight,

The look you give me turning out the light, when I'm home!

Repeat verse 1 (or instrumental) Repeat chorus Repeat bridge

Key of G Intro/Endi G C	ng D7						
Verse							
G	C		G/B		\mathbf{C}		
\mathbf{G}	C		\mathbf{G}	C	D		
\mathbf{G}	C		G/B		C		
\mathbf{G}	C		\mathbf{G}	C	D		
Chorus							
\mathbf{G}	Em		G		Em		
C	Bm		C		D		
Bridge Em G	Am Am		Em D		Am D7		
Intro/Endi	Key of A (capo II, chords in G) Intro/Ending						
A	D	E7					
Verse							
${f A}$		D		A/C #	!	D	
A		D		A	C	E	
\mathbf{A}		D		A/C #	<u> </u>	D	
A		D		A	C	E	
Chorus							
${f A}$		F#m		\mathbf{A}		F#m	
D		C#m		D		E	
Bridge							
E#m		Dm		E#m		Dm	

F#m

 \mathbf{A}

Bm

Bm

F#m

 \mathbf{E}

Bm

E7

Lovin' You's The Only Thing For Me Words and music by John Donovan (c) 1978

Verse

Each day just looks the same, ev'ry night I call your name, and still, I'm alone with my fears.

Though I often doubt my will, I know I love you still, and it helps me to know you feel the same.

So you just take your time, babe, decide what's on your mind. 'Cause, lovin' you's the only thing for me. Yes, lovin' you's the only thing for me.

Verse

Now you're 'causin' me some pain, but sometimes it's got to rain, and I guess it's just 'bout time I got rained on.

So I sit here patiently, waitin' for my clouds to flee, and when they do, I know I'll be with you.

But you just take your time, babe, decide what's on your mind. 'Cause, lovin' you's the only thing for me.

Yes, lovin' you's the only thing for me.

Refrain

So (And) I cry, cry, cry, though I couldn't tell you why, I need you. And (Yes) another day is gone, guess I'll try to carry on, without you.

Verse

Let's hope we'll work things out, try to overcome our doubts, and help each other with the things we need.

But for now just take your time, and decide what's on your mind, 'cause I love you, and I know you love me.

Now, I been wrong and will again, but on one thing you can depend: Lovin' you's the only thing for me. Yes, lovin' you's the only thing for me.

(repeat refrain)

Key of G (use capo II) Intro G $\boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{G} \quad \boldsymbol{G}$ \mathbf{G} Verse G G \mathbf{G} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D}^7 G G G \mathbf{C} em/B Bb Bb \mathbf{D}^7 G DG Refrain

Key of A (capo II, chords on G) Intro EA A A \mathbf{A} Verse \mathbf{D} A A \mathbf{A} A A A \mathbf{D} \mathbf{E}^7 D f#m/C# C $\mathbf{E^7}$ **C**# A EA

A^c#d

EA

Play One, One More For The Road by John J. Donovan © 2001 Capo II (Key of A)

Chorus
Play one,
One more for the road,
Once more,
Let your voices soar,
Sing out,
Sing in harmony,
Join in,
Let the song begin!
Verse 1
Sometimes we have to go, to another place,
Say good-bye to friends, start all over again.
I can't see how it ends, what the future holds,
But whatever comes, I won't forget the fun!
Chorus
Bridge
It's time I said good-bye,
You know it's gettin' late.
Doesn't seem so long, still I gotta' go,
Hey! It's been great.
Chorus
Verse 2
Someday I'll think about, this time that we have here,
Voices fill the air, with music we all share.
I'd like to find a way, to tell you how I feel,
But let me just thank all, it's really been a ball!
Chorus
Bridge (Instrumental)
Chorus
Chorus
Ending: "Play one, play one, play one, one more for th
road"

Key of G (1	olay at capo	II, key of A))
Intro			
G	C	\mathbf{G}	C
Chorus			
\mathbf{G}	C	\mathbf{G}	\mathbf{C}
\mathbf{G}	C C C	\mathbf{G}	C C C
\mathbf{G}	C	\mathbf{G}	\mathbf{C}
\mathbf{G}	C	\mathbf{G}	C
Verse			
C	D	C	G
C C C	\mathbf{G}	C C	D
C	D	C	D
C	\mathbf{G}	C	D
Bridge			
D	\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{G}	D
\mathbf{G}	C C	\mathbf{G}	D
Key of A Intro A	D	A	D
Chorus			
A	D	A	D
A	D	A	D
A	D	A	D
A	D	A	D
Verse			
D	\mathbf{E}	D	A
D	\mathbf{A}	D	\mathbf{E}
D	${f E}$	D	\mathbf{E}
D	A	D	E
Bridge			
${f E}$	D	\mathbf{A}	\mathbf{E}
A	D	A	E

Intro

Verse 1

I've been wonderin', ever since we left the Bay, Did we run away? Are we gonna stay?

Cause here I sit, askin' what the hell am I, A doin' here? Almost half a year,

Since I, since I been gone. Am I, am I gonna stay long?

Verse 2

I've been thinkin', all about the friends we had, That we left behind, Often on my mind.

Cause life unfolds, just not in the way that I, That I thought it would, Thought I understood!

But now, now I realize. That I, gotta improvise

Chorus

Looking out over this town, A clean gentle rain comin' down, and I wonder, This time next year, will my home be here?

Verse

So here I am, wakin' to a cold bright day, But the sun is warm, yes we're through the storm.

Got to get up, soon I will be on my way, An workin' here. Almost half a year,

Since I, since I been gone. Am I, am I gonna stay long?

Repeat Chorus Repeat Verse 1 Intro (Ending)

Intro			
G	G	C	C
G	G	C C	C C
Verse			
G	G	C C	C C
G	G	C	C
		C	
G	G	C C	C C
G	G	C	C
Am	Am	D	D
		D	D
Am	Am	D	D
Chorus			
F	G	Am	Am
F	G	C C	G
F	G	C	D

Intro (last line of chorus)

Slowly and freely

Verse 1

Late at night, in the dark, in the silence I hear, voices cry out, they ask:

"How many times, must we keep on repeating the past?"

"All over and over again, without end"

Can't you hear the children say:

"When will it end? Will we end, endless war someday?"

Chorus

Tears will fall freely now, let them rain down,

Wash the fear and revenge from our hearts.

Only then will we realize, this is not war,

And more killing won't even the score.

Verse 2

Early morn', news arrives, my two girls turn and ask, "What does this mean to us?

"Will we all die? Why do some people hate so much?"

"Please tell us, please tell us, please tell us why?"

But can I even try to explain,

How injustice reigns, and of lives lived in hunger and pain?

Repeat chorus

Verse 3

Evening falls, time for bed, "One more chapter, please Daddy, but tell us the world is safe"

"That no one will die. We're not sure what happened today"

"It scares us, it scares us, we just can't sleep."

"But we can, if you lie here tonight,"

"Close by our side, and tell us everything is all right."

Repeat Chorus

Repeat last two lines of chorus

Intro (Key of G chords, play at capo II: key of A)

C	G	D		C	Am7 G	
Verse						
G	\mathbf{D}	D		\mathbf{C}		
\mathbf{G}	D	\mathbf{C}		\mathbf{D}		
\mathbf{C}	C(2/4)	D		\mathbf{C}		
\mathbf{G}	D	C		D		
Chorus						
G	\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{D}	C	D		
\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{G}	D		\mathbf{C}	Am7 G	

Intro (K	ey of A)				
D	${f A}$	${f E}$		D	Bm7 A
Verse					
\mathbf{A}	\mathbf{E}	${f E}$		D	
A	\mathbf{E}	D		${f E}$	
D	D (2/4)	${f E}$		D	
\mathbf{A}	${f E}$	D		${f E}$	
Chorus					
A	D	${f E}$	D	${f E}$	
D	\mathbf{A}	${f E}$		D	Bm7 A

Thank-You Friend (for Sally)

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Verse

I'm just thinkin' of, all the times I've walked through your door,

And I ask myself, "Will I walk through it no more?" I don't know, if that's true, but I will think often of you, And wish that I could be, back here in your company.

Chorus

"Good-bye friend, when will I see you again?"
Yes I, have to go, I'll miss you more than you know.
If I'm ever this way, I'll drop by, just to say,
"Thank-You Friend, for the good times we did spend.
Now I've, got to go, but first play an old song I know."

Verse instrumental Chorus

Bridge

Like a note on a string, first we're here, and then we take wing.

So I'll, say so long, in a song_____.

Chorus

Intro G)	G	a b c					Moderate 6/8
Vers D D D D	se	C C C		Am Bm Am Em	<u>.</u>	G C G D	a b c	
Cho G G Em G	rus C C C	D D D D		G G C G	C C C	D D D D G	аьс	
<i>Brid</i> Bm	lge	C		G		D		

 $Bm \qquad C \qquad \quad D \qquad \quad D$

This Is All That There Is

(Words and music by John J. Donovan © 2000)

Verse 1

Today my daughter brought to me, an old family photograph.

The faces look so melancholy, did they, once laugh?

I hold a picture in my hand, an ancestor of mine.

What they did and how they lived, has been lost, to time.

Verse 2

Have you thought of what we're here for? Have you had the time? Pay the bills and run those errands, don't fall, behind.

Still I wonder what I'm here for, how to make my mark.

Once the thoughts of those who knew me, are all cold and dark.

Chorus 1 (restrained)

I see the stars at night, wheeling overhead, they have no voice to ask: Is, this all? Is, this all, that there is?

My friends are gathered round, as we sing and play, our music fills the air, cause,

This, is all. This is all, that there is.

Verse 3

Life can be short, life can be long, am I just wasting time?

One life to learn, one chance to give, meaning to mine.

'Cause I won't live forever, it's true, soon I'll be dead and gone.

But that's ok, 'cause once I leave here, there will be, another dawn.

Chorus 2 (restrained)

I feel the sunlight shining on my face, it never wonders:

Is, this all? Is, this all, that there is?

I watch my children laugh, as they run and play, their voices call to me, This, is all. This is all, that there is.

Verse (Play at capo II)										
D		G		D	G					
D		G		C	G					
D		G		D	\mathbf{G}					
D		G		C	\mathbf{G}	D	Dsus4			
Chori	ıs									
Am C	Em	D D	C	Am Em Am7	D Dsus4					
Am	Em	D	C	Am Em	D					
C		D		C	G	G				
Verse (capo II, Key of E, use D chords above) E A E A E A D A										
E		A		E	A					
E		A		D	A	E	Esus4			
Choru Bm D	ıs F#m	E E	D	Bm F#m Bm7	E Esus4					
Bm D	F#m	E E	D	Bm F#m D	E A	A				

Verse (1)

Frozen voices from the past,
Left ringing in my ears.
Yes, I spoke, but without thinking,
Was that all too clear?

Is it really over this time, baby? Love, however small, Is still love, if you feel it at all.

Chorus

So, turn around and stay,
I know you have your reasons to cry.
But stay and give me hope,
Please don't leave today,
Tell me that you'll try____.

Just, please don't walk away,
You have every right to say, Good-bye.
I only want to know,
Will you stay?
and give me one more chance before you fly.

Verse (2)

Stars above will burn forever,
Pure and always bright.
Though our love is less eternal,
Will it last the night?

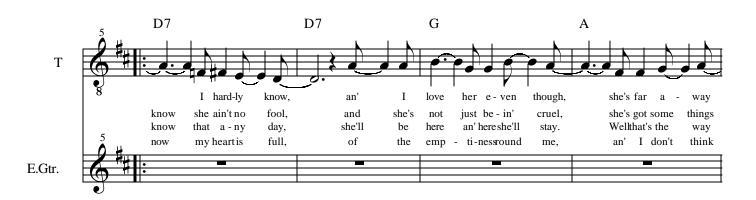
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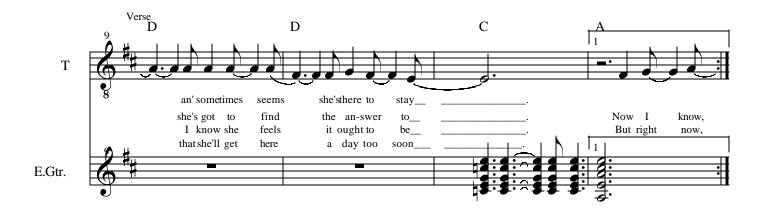
Love distilled to tears,
Is still love, if it calls and you hear.

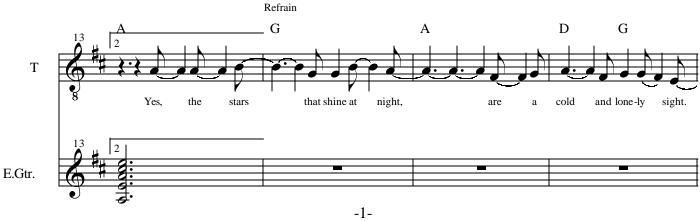
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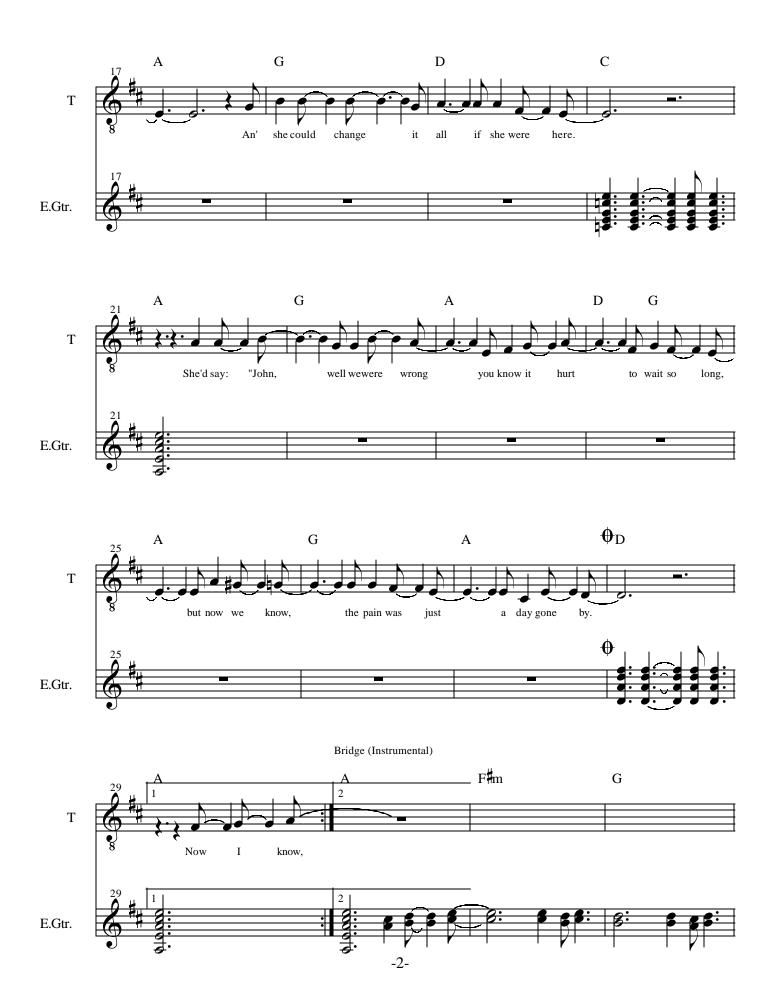
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C G		D D	Em C	C D	(C)
Chor D D	rus G G	Am Am C	D G D C	C D	4 (C)
D D	G G	Am C	D G Am D	C G	

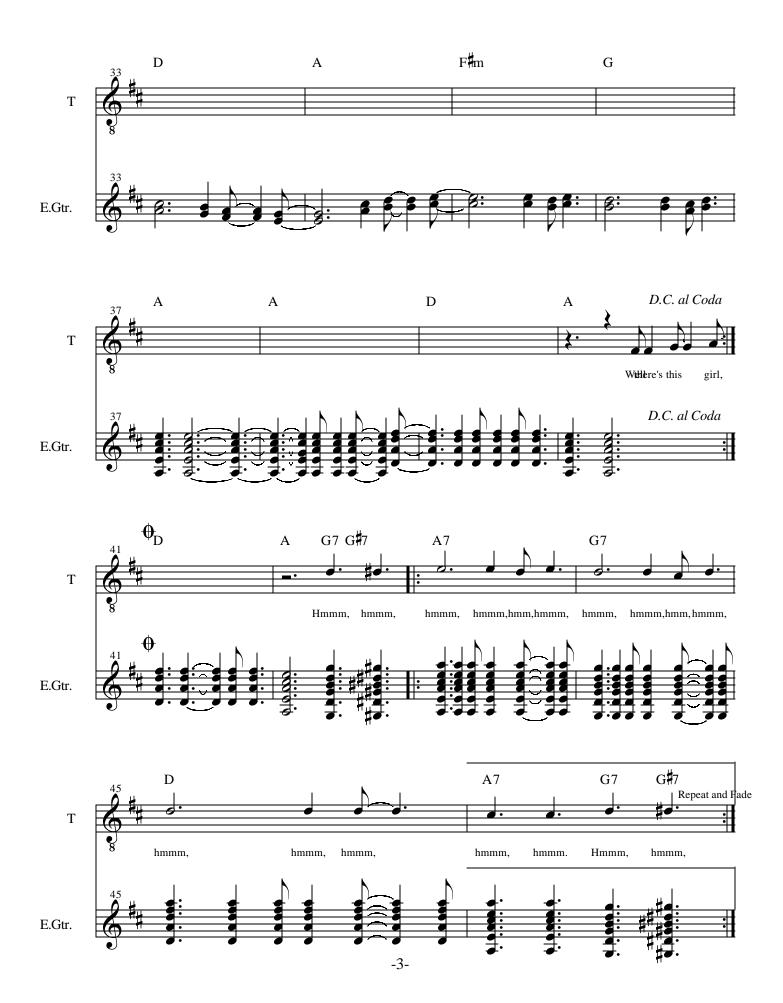












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Chorus



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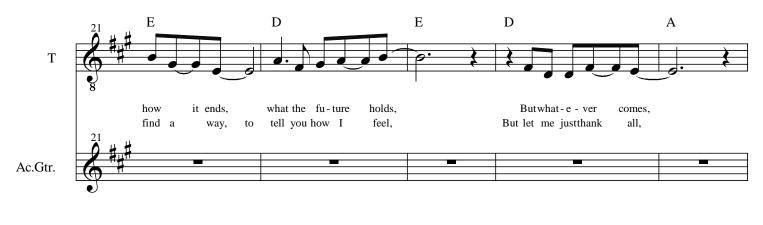




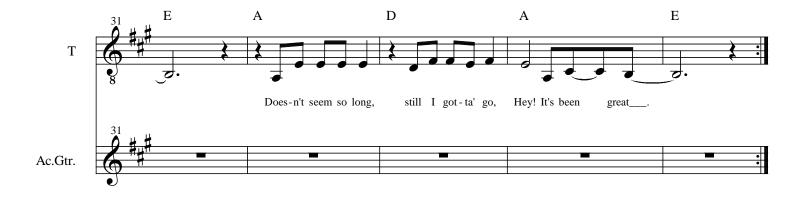
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by John J. Donovan J= 128 C G C G Chorus Tenor Play one, more for the road, Once more, one Acoustic Guitar G C \mathbf{G} C your voi-ces soar, Sing out, sing in har-mon - y, Join in, the song be-Verse G D C G C gin___. Some - times place, we have to a - no-ther Some day I'll think a - bout this time that we have here, G C C D Say good-bye to friends, start all o-ver a-gain____. I can't see Voi-ces fill the I'd air, with mu-sic we all share. like to

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Play fast with a strong beat





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