

Ground On Down
Ben Harper

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>From the album Fight For Your Mind
Ben plays this one on a Weisenborn it s a
kind of lap steel with a hollow neck , no
frets and built in Koa wood in the twenties
by Henry Weissenborn .

Tuning open C
e no change
B up to C
G no change
D down to C
A down to G
E down to C

The song stands on one riff with
slight variations every time you ll
have to listen to the record to
catch them :

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e-----  
C---12~~---0-h-2-/-3-----5~~~-----10-/-11~~--  
G---12~~---0-h-2-/-3---0---5~~~-----0---10-/-11~~--  
C---12~~---0-h-2-/-3---0---5~~~-----0---10-/-11~~--  
G-----  
C-----
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Lyrics:

I believe in a few things
God the devil and love
cause I ve looked up from the bottom
and I ve stared down from above

I have faith in a few things
divinity and grace
but even when I m on my knees
I know the devil prays

and you re working your way
from the ground on down

I hate to say I love you
because it means that I
will be with you forever
or will sadly say goodbye

I love to say I hate you
because it means that I
will live my life happily without you
or will sadly live a lie

and you re working your way
from the ground on down

life is short
and if your lookin for extension
with your time
you had best do well

cause there s good deeds
and there s good intention
they re as far apart
as heaven and hell

and you re working you re way
from the ground on down

INTRO :

e-----
C---~12~-----12-----10-/-12-/-9-----
G---~12~-----12-----10-/-12-/-9-----
C---~12~-----12-----10-/-12-/-9-----
G-----12-----10-/-12-/-9-----
C-----

e-----
C-----10-----9-/-10-/-7-----7-----
G-----10-----9-/-10-/-7-----7-----
C-----10-----9-/-10-/-7-----7-----
G-----10-----9-/-10-/-7-----7-----
C-----

e-----
C---12~---0-h-2-/-3-----5~---10-/-11~---
G---12~---0-h-2-/-3---0---5~---0---10-/-11~---
C---12~---0-h-2-/-3---0---5~---0---10-/-11~---
G-----
C-----

e-----
 C-----
 G-----
 C-----
 G-----
 C-----12-----1-----

(slow slide)

e-----
 C-----
 G-----
 C-----
 G-----
 C-----1~~~~~

When played live Ben adds a snipe of the star spangled banner

e-----
 C-----
 G-X-X-X--X--X--X-X-X--X--X-X--X-X--0---10-/-11~~
 C-X-X-X--X--X--X-X-X--X--X-X--X-X--0---10-/-11~~
 G-X-X-X--X--X--X-X-X--X--X-X--X-X--0---10-/-11~~
 C-X-X-X--X--X--X-X-X--X--X-X--X-X-----

(the X are muffled by the left hand at the top of the neck
 just over the first fret and the rhythm is like Led Zep s
 Moby Dick)

SOLO:

E-----
 C-----
 G--5-----3--3-----2-----2-----
 C-----0-----3--3--5--5-----
 G-----
 C-----

E-----
 C-----
 G-----5~~~-----3--3-----2-----2-----
 C-----0-----
 G--5~~~~~
 C-----

E-----
 C-----
 G-----
 C--3--3-----3~~~~~-----3-/-/-5-----
 G-----
 C-----

E-----
 C-----
 G-----

C---5~~--/-7-~--~-----7--7---8~~---8--7--7--7-5-
G-----
C-----

That s all. for just now.
Float with me to distant lands,
wondrous and fair.

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