

Operator

Grateful Dead

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This is one of the few Dead tunes by the late, great, Pigpen. In it I ve included my neophyte attempt at transcribing his smokin harmonica solo. Most of the hole 3 suck notes should be preceded by a short grace note bend.

Intro: | F / / / | C / A7 Dm | Dm / / C F | F / / / | F / / / |

F
Operator, can you help me? Help me if you please
Bb **F**
Give me the right area code and the number that I need
G **C** **A7**
My rider left upon a midnight flyer
Dm **C F**
Singin like a summer breeze

F
Think she s somewhere down south, down about Baton Rouge
Bb **F**
I just cain t remember no number, a number I can use
G **C** **A7**
Directory don t have it, central done forgot it
Dm **C F**
Got to find a number to use

Break (play the intro here)

Tryin to check out a number, tryin to run down a line
Operator said that s privileged information and it ain t no business o mine
It s floodin down in Texas, the poles are down in Utah
Got to find a private line

She could be hanging round a steel mill, working in a house of blue light

Riding a get-away bus out of Portland, talkin to the night
 I don t know where she s gone, I don t care where she s been
 Long as she s been doin it right

(now slap that Bb harp in your rack & blow with all yer might like so...)

F	/	/	/		/	/	/
-3	-3	-3 -4	-3 ~3	-3 -3			
F	/	/	/		/	/	/
6 -5	-4 4	3 ~3 -2	-3 -3			-3 -3	-3
Bb	/	/	/		/	/	/
-3	~3 -2	-3 ~3 -2	-3	~3 -2	-3 ~3 -2	3 3 3	
F	/	/	/		/	/	/
-4 -5	-4 -3	~3 -2	-3 -3				
F	/	/	/	C	/	/	A7 Dm

Dm **F**
 Long as she s been doing it right

Notes on harp tab:
 3 means blow hole 3
 -3 means suck hole 3
 ~3 means suck & bend hole 3