

**Hitchhiker**  
**Neil Young**

HITCHHIKER - Neil Young

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**Em7**

When I was a hitchhiker on the road I had to count on you

**D** **Em7**

But you needed me to ease the load and for conversation too

**D** **C** **Em**

Or did you just ride on through

You didn't see me in Toronto when I first tried out some hash  
Smoked through a pen and I'd do it again if I only had some cash  
I only had some cash

Then I tried amphetamines and my head was in a glass  
Taped underneath the speedometer wires of my '48 Buick's dash  
But I knew that wouldn't last

CHORUS #1:

**C** **G** **C** **G**  
Then came California, where I first saw open water

**C** **Em7** **D** **Em7**

In the land of opportunity, I knew I was getting hotter

**D** **C**

I knew I was getting hotter

The neon lights and the endless nights  
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They took me by surprise  
The doctor gave me valium but I still couldn't close my eyes  
I still couldn't close my eyes

CHORUS #2:

Then came paranoia and it ran away with me  
I couldn't sign my autograph or appear on TV  
Or see or be seen, see or be seen  
Or see or be seen

**G**

Living in the country sounded good to me

**D** **Em**

Smoking grass while the summer lasts in the real organic scene

**D** **C** **Am** **Em**

Where everything was green, everything was green

Then we had a kid and we split apart, I was living on the road  
A little cocaine went a long long way to ease that different load  
But my head did explode, my head did explode

CHORUS #3:

I wish I was an Aztec or a runner in Peru  
I would build such beautiful buildings to house the chosen few  
Like an Inca from Peru

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But you needed me to ease the load and for conversation too  
Or did you just ride on through, did you just ride on through  
Did you just ride on through

When I was a hitchhiker on the road