

My Pledge
Neil Young

Intro: G F C G F C G F C G

verse 1

 G F
If it please the court I ve had a lot to say
 C G
And it s not always been true
 G F
Standing here before you, judge
 C G
I make my pledge of truth to you

verse 2

 G F
The waves came over the bowsprit
 C G
The decks awash with running green and foam
 G F
Back there at the wheel I was terrified
 C G
Next day we first saw home

verse 3

 G F
My relatives came over on the Mayflower
 C G
Landed on the shore almost alone
 G F
No that damn traffic today is terrible
 C G
And everywhere I look I see people alone

verse 4

 G F
Alone with their heads looking in their hands
 C G
Lost in the conversation stare
 G F
Walking with their eyes looking at the screen
 C G
Talking like they were really there

Instrumental

G F C G

Verse 5

G F
I m lost in this new generation
C G
Left me behind it seems
G F
Listening to the shadow of Jimi Hendrix
C G
Purple Haze , sounding like TV

Verse 6

G F
I stepped on someone s hand laying on the street
C G
Both asleep and dead it may seem
G F
He didn t even move there on the sidewalk
C G
I stood there staring in a dream

Verse 7

G F
She came along in her uniform
C G
Stood moving me away with a gentle hand
G F
Dressed in white like a nightingale
C G
Her name was Florence, Florence of the Land
G F C G
(I knew I d seen her somewhere)

Verse 8

G F
I knew I d seen her somewhere
C G
But she was busy with him gone
G F
She came with three different brothers
C G
Abraham, Martin and John

Verse 9

G F
I heard a song about that once

C
G
 And I never knew what it meant
G
F
 Three stars died in a plane one night
C
G
 Rock and Roll, the message that was sent

verse 10

G
F
 I couldn t wrap my head around it
C
G
 Didn t know what it meant
G
F
 Standing there on that sandy beach
C
G
 Watching it turn to cement

verse 11

G
F
 Now I don t see all the colors
C
G
 And I might miss some of their beauty
G
F
 But I do see what I see
C
G
 And I want to do my duty

verse 12

G
F
 Enlisted in the Navy at the corner store
C
G
 They had a recruiting booth
G
F
 I covered my heart and raised my hand
C
G
 And swore it was the truth

Outro

G
F
C
G
 That s my pledge
G
F
 That s my pledge
C
G
 That s my pledge, judge
G
F
C
G
 That s my pledge
G
F
C
G