

**Waiting For The Big One**  
**Peter Gabriel**

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Key: C major, Time: 6/8, Tempo: 93

Intro:

| :C7 | | Ab7 | :| (x 2)

| Cm F/C Cm7 | | F7/A Cm7 F7/A | |  
| E7 /F# | /G /G# | Am /B | /C /A |

F7	/C		
D7	/A	G	F/A Gb/Bb
G/B			

Verse 1: {With piano only, tempo rubato} (0:54-)

| C7 | | Ab7 | |  
The wine s all drunk and so am I

| C7 | | Ab7 | |  
Here with the hoi-poloi, don t ask me why

| Cm F/C Cm7 | | F7 Cm/F F7 | |  
We re cele-brat-in an-ticipatin end of the year

| E7 | /F# /G# | Am | |  
Everybody come, everybody here

| F7 | |  
Well more or less,

| D7 | /E /F# | G | F/A Gb/Bb |  
Some al-read-y in a mess

| G/B | |  
I guess they re waiting for the big one.

[Verse 2] {Enters the band, play the intro} (1:44-)

Wonder why I m cold. How did I get this far?  
Had no money, had no car  
I pray the snow goes, be bad if it settles  
Cos I follow my nose and the dried up rose petals

Like the man says,  
Sure hope Moses knows his roses  
Or we ll all be waiting for the big one.

Interlude 1: (2:31-)

|C | (x 4 bars)

|F |G |Ab |Bb |C | ||

|Dm |Eb |F |G |Ab |Bb ||

[Verse 3] (3:03-)

Once I was the credit to my credit card  
spent what I hadn t got, wasn t hard  
No trust in judgement no trust in money  
Someday I ll find myself like a bee finding honey, oh

But in the meantime, ah  
I m gonna have me some fun  
Waiting for the big one.

[Verse 4] (3:50-)

One too many, where ego I go too  
Looking for the real thing  
It don t come from what I do  
No real communication moves out of my face  
I m beginning to think, yeah, I m just out of place, a-ha

Won t get in too deep,  
I want to get some sleep  
To be ready for the big one,

To be ready for the big one

Interlude 2: (4:43-)

|C | (x 4 bars)

|F |G |Ab |Bb |  
|C | | | ||

|Dm |Eb |F |G |Ab |Bb ||

(Intro) (5:20-) {Bluesy guitar solo}

Coda: (6:07-)

|C | (x 4 bars)

{Enter female vocals, tempo rubato}

| **F** | **G** | **Ab** | **Bb** |  
Ah, ah, uh, waiting for the  
| **C** | | | ||  
big one\_\_\_\_\_

| **Dm** | **Eb** | **F** | **G** | **Ab** |  
Ah, ah, ah, ah, uh,  
| **Bb** | | | **C** | ||  
waiting for the big one\_\_\_

{Drum solo}

| | | ||

| **Dm** | **Eb** | **F** | **G** |  
Ah, ah, ah, ah,  
| **Ab** | **Bb** | **C** | | ||  
Uh, uh, uh,\_\_\_\_\_