

**For Free**  
**The Byrds**

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The Byrds For Free written by Joni Mitchell

**G Fmaj7 Em**  
I slept last night in a good hotel  
**Am C F C**  
I went shopping today for jewels  
**G Fmaj7 Em**  
The wind rushed around the dirty town  
**Am C F C**  
And the children let out from the schools  
**Am G**  
I was standing on a noisy corner  
**C G F Em D**  
Waiting for the walking green  
**G Fmaj7 Em**  
Across the street he stood and he played real good  
**Am C F C**  
On his clairinet for free

**G D F C G D F C**

**G Fmaj7 Em**  
Now me I play for fortune  
**Am C F C**  
And those velvet curtain calls  
**G Fmaj7 Em**  
I ve got a black limousine and two ladies  
**Am C F C**  
Escorting me to the halls  
**Am G**  
And I ll play If you have the money  
**C G F Em D**  
Or if you re a friend to me-ee-ee  
**G Fmaj7 Em**

But the one man band by the quick lunch stand

**Am C F C**

He was playing real good for free

**G D F C G D F C**

**G Fmaj7 Em**

Well Nobody stopped to hear him

**Am C F C**

Though he played so sweet and high

**G Fmaj7 Em**

And they knew he had never been on their TV screen

**Am C F C**

So they passed his music by

**Am G**

Well I meant to go over and ask for a song

**C G F Em D**

Maybe put on a harmony

**G Fmaj7 Em**

I heard his refrain as the signal changed

**Am C F C Em**

He was still playing real good for free

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