

**A Song For
Townes Van Zandt**

Submitted by Robert Giacobbe

Cm
Ribbons of love
 Bb **Cm**
please keep me true sane
Fm **Cm**
until I reach home on the morrow
Cm **Bb** **Cm**
never never to wander again
 Fm **Cm**
I m weak and I m weary of sorrow

Eb
London to Dublin
 Bb **Cm**
Australia to Perth
 Fm
I gazed at your sky
 G# **Cm**
I tasted your earth
G#
sung out my heart
 Bb **Cm**
for what it was worth
Fm **Cm**
never again shall I ramble

..progression is the same for the rest of the song (verse-chorus-verse-chorus..)

There s nowhere left
in this world where to go
my arms, my legs they re a-tremblin
thoughts both clouded and blue as the sky
not even worth the rememberin

Now as I stumble
and reel to my bed
all that I ve done
all that I ve said
means nothin to me
I d soon as be dead
all of this world be forgotten

No words of comfort
no words of advice
nothin to offer a stranger
gone the love, gone the spite
it just doesn't matter no longer

My sky's getting far
the ground's gettin' close
myself goin' crazy
the way that it does
I'll lie on my pillow
and sleep if I must
Too late to wish I'd been stronger
too late to wish I'd been stronger

Submitted by John Kearney

I've been playing this song real regular since Jan. 1. I do it a bit different from what Robert has posted, so here goes:

capo 2nd fret, chords shown are as if no capo was used. ie: Am = Bm, C = D, etc.

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Bbm	G#	Bbm
never never to wander again		
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C#	G#	Bbm
London to Dublin, Australia to Perth		
F#	C#	Bbm
I gazed at your sky, I tasted your earth		
F#	C#	Bbm
sung out my heart for what it was worth		
G#	Bbm	
never again shall I ramble		

The rest is as Robert wrote:

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Remember, there s more than one way to play a song. The right way is what works for you. ;-)

Townes wrote a lot of songs. I think he wrote this one for himself.

Thanks Townes...

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