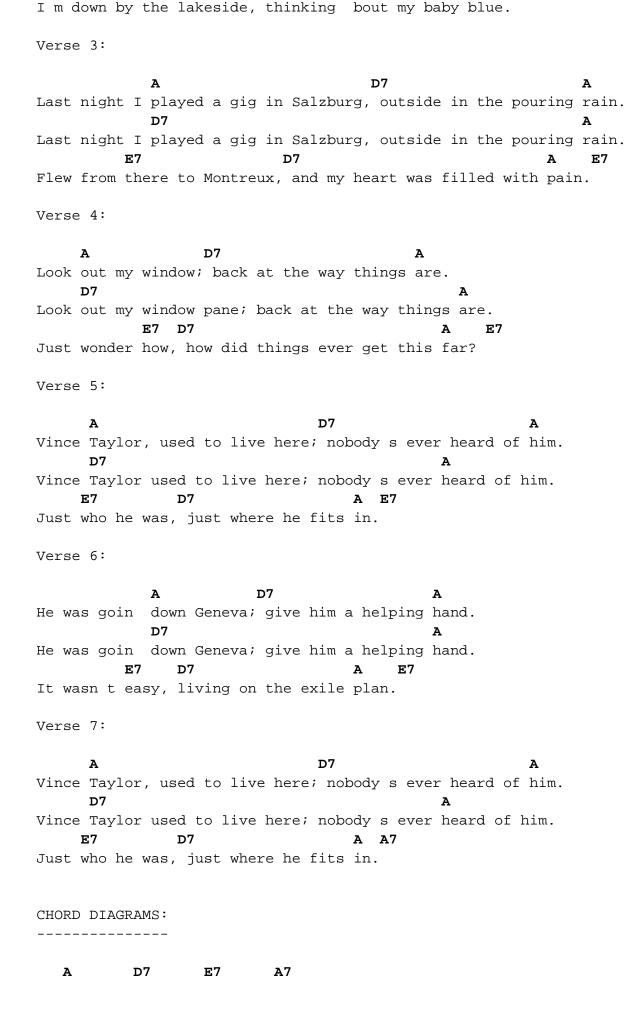
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>1. GOIN DOWN GENEVA
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1...GOIN DOWN GENEVA... by Van Morrison
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*from Back on Top (1999)*
Intro:
A D7 A D7
A E7 D7, A, E7
Verse 1:
              D7
Goin down Geneva; give me a helping hand.
I m goin down Geneva; give me a helping hand.
                 D7
It s not easy, baby, living on the exile plan.
Verse 2:
Down on the bottom; down to my new pair of shoes.
Down on the bottom; down to my new pair of shoes.
                    D7
                                            E7
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2...PHILOSPHER S STONE... by Van Morrison

from Back on Top (1999)

Intro:

C Cadd9, C Cadd9, F Dm, F Dm, Gsus4 G, Gsus4 G, C Cadd9, C Cadd9

(x2)

Verse 1:

C Cadd9 C Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm

Out on the highways, and the by-ways, all a-lone.

Gsus4 G Gsus4 G C

I m still searching for, searching for my home.

C Cadd9 C Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm

Up in the morning, Up in the morning, out on the road.

Gsus4 G Gsus4 G C

And my head is aching, and my hands are cold.

Verse 2:

C Cadd9

And I m looking for the silver lining,

C Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm

Silver lining, in the clouds.

Gsus4 G Gsus4 G

And I m searching for, and I m searching for,

C Cadd9, C Cadd9

The philosophers stone.

C Cadd9 C Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm

And it s a hard road, it s a hard road, daddy-o.

Gsus4 G Gsus4 G C

When my job, is turning lead, into gold.

Verse 3:

C Cadd9

He was born in the back street,

C Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm

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Born in the back street, Jelly Roll.
               Gsus4
                                   G Gsus4 G
I m on the road a-gain, and I m searching for,
          C Cadd9, C Cadd9
The philosophers stone.
             C Cadd9
Can you hear that engine,
          C Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm
Woah can you hear that, engine drone?
           Gsus4
                                  G Gsus4 G
I m on the road a-gain, and I m searching for,
             C Cadd9, C Cadd9
The philosophers stone.
Solo:
C Cadd9, C Cadd9, F Dm, F Dm,
Gsus4 G, Gsus4 G, C Cadd9, C Cadd9
(x2)
Verse 4:
        C Cadd9
Up in the morning,
Up in the morning,
                          F Dm, F Dm
When the streets are white with snow.
     Gsus4 G
                    Gsus4 G
It s a hard road, it s a hard road, daddy-o.
        C
           Cadd9
Up in the morning,
        C Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm
Up in the morning, out on the job.
                        Gsus4 G
Well, you we got me searching for,
        Gsus4 G C
Searching for, the philosophers stone.
Verse 5:
           Cadd9
Even my best friends,
          Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm
Even my best friends, they don t know.
     Gsus4 G Gsus4 G C
                           into gold.
That my job, is turning lead,
                   Cadd9
                C
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When you hear that engine,

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C Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm
When you hear that, engine drone.
                                         Gsus4 G
               Gsus4
I m on the road a-gain, and I m searching for,
                   Cadd9, C Cadd9
              С
The philosophers stone.
Solo:
C Cadd9, C Cadd9, F Dm, F Dm,
Gsus4 G, Gsus4 G, C Cadd9, C Cadd9
(x2)
Verse 6:
     C
          Cadd9
It s a hard road,
                 Cadd9 F Dm, F Dm
      C
Even my best friends, they don t know.
                Gsus4
                             G
And I m searching for, searching for, the philosophers stone.
CHORD DIAGRAMS:
  C
       Cadd9 F Dm Gsus4 G
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3...IN THE MIDNIGHT... by Van Morrison
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*from Back on Top (1999)*
Intro:
Bm7 Am (x2)
Verse 1:
                                  Bm7
In the lonely dead of midnight, in the dimness of the twilight.
By the streetlight, by the lamplight, I ll be a-round.
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Verse 2:

Bm7 Bm7 Αm In the sunlight, in the daylight, and I m workin , on the insight. And I m tryin to keep, my game uptight, I ll be a-round. Chorus 1: G7 And your memo-ry, heard this lonely, lonely music once. And your memo-ry, has been haunting me ever since. Verse 3: Bm7 Am When I m tryin , tryin to come down, In my world my room keeps spinning round. G D Bm7 And I m tryin to get my feet back on the ground; you come a-round. Solo: Bm7 Am (x3), G D Chorus 2: And your memo-ry, heard this lonely, lonely music once. C D And your memo-ry, has been haunting me ever since. Verse 4: Bm7 Αm Am In the lonely dead of midnight, in the dimness of the twilight. Αm By the streetlight, by the lamplight, I ll be a-round. Verse 5: Bm7 When I m tryin , tryin to come down, In my world my room keeps spinning round.

And I m tryin to get my feet back on the ground; you come a-round.

Bm7 Am

Coda:

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Da da da da da da da da.
Bm7
              Am
Da da da da da da da da.
Bm7
                                    G D, G
Da da.
CHORD DIAGRAMS:
        Am G D C
                                   G7
  Bm7
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4...BACK ON TOP... by Van Morrison
*from Back on Top (1999)*
Intro:
Em C (x3)
Am7 Bm7 Cmaj7 (x2)
Am7 Bm7 G
Verse 1:
Em
You came to see me when the moon was new.
Saw you standin in the pouring rain.
Left my message on the window pain;
Am7
           Bm7
                 Cmaj7
Back on the street a-gain,
           Bm7
                Cmaj7
Back on the beat a-gain,
     Am7
               Bm7 G
I m... back on the top, a-gain.
Verse 2:
Em
Saw me climbing to the top of the hill,
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Em

You saw me meeting with the fools on the hill.

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Learned my lesson, and I had my fill.
Am7
          Bm7
                  Cmaj7
 Learnt it all in vain,
Am7
                 Bm7
                      Cmaj7
 Went through it all a-gain.
        Am7
                    Bm7
Now I m back on the top, a-gain.
Bridge 1:
Always strivin , always climbing way be-yond my will.
 Same old sensation; isolation at the top of the bill.
Always seeming like I m moving, but I m really going slow.
 What do you do, when you get to the top and there s nowhere to go?
Verse 4:
Em
 Just how I get there will be anybody s guess,
With all the so called trappings of success.
Left all the deadbeats on the top of the hill.
Am7
          Bm7
                  Cmaj7
 Too busy raisin Cain,
    Am7
                Bm7
                         Cmaj7
I m back on the street a-gain.
       Am7
                   Bm7
I m... back on the top, a-gain.
Solo:
Em C(x3)
Am7 Bm7 Cmaj7 (x2)
Am7 Bm7 G
Bridge 2:
Always strivin , always climbing way be-yond my will.
 Same old sensation; isolation at the top of the bill.
 Always seeming like I m moving, but I m really going slow.
 What do you do, when you get to the top and there s nowhere to go?
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C

Εm

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Verse 5:
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Em (

Just how I get there will be anybody s guess,

Em C

With all the so called trappings of success.

Em C

Left all the deadbeats on the top of the hill.

Am7 Bm7 Cmaj7

Too busy raisin Cain,

Am7 Bm7 Cmaj7

I m back on the street a-gain.

Am7 Bm7 G

I m... back on the top, a-gain.

Interlude:

Em C (x3)

Coda:

Am7 Bm7 Cmaj7

Back on the street a-gain,

Am7 Bm7 Cmaj7

Back on the beat a-gain.

Am7 Bm7 G

I m... back on the top, a-gain.

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

Em C Am7 Bm7 Cmaj7 G D

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5...WHEN THE LEAVES COME FALLING DOWN... by Van Morrison

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from Back on Top (1999)

Intro:

Cmaj7 G(x2)

Verse 1:

Fmaj7 Cmaj7 G Am I saw you standing with wind and the rain, in your face. And you were thinking, Fmaj7 Cmaj7 G Bout the wisdom of the leaves, and their grace. Fmaj7 G When the leaves come falling down, Cmaj7 G In September, when the leaves come falling down. Verse 2: Fmaj7 AmCmaj7 G And at night the moon is shinning, on a clear cloudless sky. Fmaj7 Cmaj7 G AmAnd when the evening shadows fall, I ll be there by your side. Fmaj7 G When the leaves come falling down, Cmaj7 G In September, when the leaves come falling down. Bridge 1: Dm7 Em7 Follow me down, follow me down, Follow me down, to the place beside the garden and the wall. Em7 Follow me down, follow me down, Cmaj7 G To the space before the twilight and the dawn. Verse 3: AmFmaj7 Cmaj7 G Oh, the last time I saw Paris, in the streets in the rain, Fmaj7 Cmaj7 And as I walk along the boulevards, with you, once a-gain. Fmaj7 G When the leaves come falling down, Cmaj7 G In September, when the leaves come falling down. Interlude: Am Fmaj7, Cmaj7 G(x2)Fmaj7 G, Cmaj7 G

(x2)

Bridge 2:

Dm7 Em7

Follow me down, follow me down,

F G Cmaj7

Follow me down, to the place beside the garden and the wall.

Dm7 Em7

Follow me down, follow me down,

F G Cmaj7 G

To the space before the twilight and the dawn.

Verse 4:

Am Fmaj7 Cmaj7 G

And as I m looking at the colour, of the leaves in your hand.

Am Fmaj7 Cmaj7 G

As we re listening to Chet Baker, on the beach, in the sand.

Fmaj7 G

When the leaves come falling down,

Cmaj7 G

In September, when the leaves come falling down.

Coda:

G Fmaj7

Oh when the leaves come falling down,

G Cmaj7

In Sep-tember, when the leaves come falling down.

Fmaj7

When the leaves come falling down,

Cmaj7

In September, when the leaves come falling down.

G Fmaj7

When the leaves come falling down.

G

In September in the rain,

Cmaj7 G

When the leaves come falling down.

Fmaj7

When the leaves come falling down,

G

In September in the rain,

Cmai7

When the leaves come falling down.

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

Cmaj7	G	Am	Fmaj7	Dm7	Em7	F	
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6...HIGH SUMMER... by Van Morrison
*from Back on Top (1999)*
*CAPO 3rd FRET*
(Original Key: Eb)
Intro:
Am F G, C, F C (x2)
Verse 1:
(C)
                    Am
By the mansion on the hillside,
                                   C F, C
Red sports car comes driving down the road.
And pulls up into the driveway,
                  C F, C
And a story does un-fold.
Verse 2:
              C/B
                         Am
She s standing by the rhodo-dendrons,
F G C F, C
Where the roses are in bloom.
                   C/B Am
Looking out at the At-lantic ocean,
          G
And in her head she hums this tune.
Verse 3:
                                    C/B Am
Thank god the dark nights, are drawing in a-gain,
                  C F, C
 Cos high summer has got me down.
                 C/B Am
I ll wait till the end of August,
              C F, C
And get off this merry-go-round.
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Verse 4:

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C
                 C/B Am
And they shut him out of paradise,
               C F, C
         G
Called him Lucifer, and frowned.
               C/B Am
She took pride in what God made him,
                                        C F, C
Even before the angels shot him down to the ground.
Verse 5:
              C/B Am
He s a light out of the darkness,
                   C F, C
And he wears a starry crown.
             C/B
If you see him nothing will shake him,
F G
                              C F, C
 Cos high summer has got him low down.
Solo:
Am F G, C, F C (x2)
Bridge 1:
High summer s got him lonesome,
Even when he makes the rounds, (makes the rounds).
                         Dm
There s been no two ways a-bout it;
                        C F, C
High summer s got him low down.
Verse 6:
                            Am
Checked in to the tiny village by the lakeside,
              C F, C
       G
Settled down to start a-new.
               C/B Am
Far away from the poli-ticians,
                  C F, C
And the many chosen few.
Verse 7:
                 C/B
Far away from the jealousy factor,
                 G
                                   C F, C
And everything that was tearing him a-part.
                C/B Am
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Far away from the organ grinder,
                            C
                                F, C
And everyone that played their part.
Verse 8:
                 C/B Am
And they shut him out of paradise,
         G C F, C
Called him Lucifer, and frowned.
               C/B
She took pride in what God made him,
                                            F, C
Even before the angels shot him down to the ground.
Verse 9:
                C/B Am
He s a light out of the darkness,
           C F, C
And he wears a starry crown.
             C/B
If you see him nothing will shake him,
                                  F, C
Cos high summer has got him low down.
Solo:
Am F G, C, F C (x2)
Coda:
            C/B Am
High summer s on the rebound,
    G
                           F, C
High summer s got him low down.
            C/B Am
High summer s on the rebound,
F G
High summer s got him low down.
            C/B
High summer s on the rebound,
                            F
High summer s got him low down, low down.
CHORD DIAGRAMS:
  Am F G C
                              C/B
                                      Dm
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7...REMINDS ME OF YOU... by Van Morrison
*from Back on Top (1999)*
Intro:
G Bm C, G D C, G
Verse 1:
          G
                 Bm C
I miss you so much I can t stand it,
            G Bm
Seems like my heart is breaking in two.
            G Bm
My head says no, but my soul de-mands it,
            G D C
Everything I do re-minds me of you.
Verse 2:
                  \mathbf{Bm}
I miss you so much, in this house full of shadows,
While the rain keeps pouring down my window, too.
             G
                 Bm
When will the pain recede to the darkness,
                        D
                  G
From whence it has come? And I m feeling so blue.
Bridge 1:
Ain t goin down no more to the well,
            C
                      D
                                       G7
Sometimes it feels like I m going to hell.
Sometimes I m knocking on your front door,
But I don t have nothing to sell, no more.
Verse 3:
Seems like the spirit is pushing me onwards,
I m able to see where I tripped and went wrong.
                 G
                     Bm
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I ll just have to guess where my soul will find comfort.
                 G
                       D
And I miss you so much, when I m singing my song.
Solo:
G Bm C, G Bm D
G Bm C, G D C, G
Bridge 2:
Ain t goin down no more to the well,
                       D
Sometimes it feels like I m going to hell.
Sometimes I m knocking on your front door,
                C
                        D C
But I don t have nothing to sell, no more.
Verse 4:
G
                      Bm
 Seems like the spirit is pushing me onwards,
I m able to see where I tripped and went wrong.
                       Bm
I ll just have to guess where my soul will find comfort.
And I miss you so much, when I m singing my song.
Verse 5:
          G Bm C
I miss you so much I can t stand it,
                     \mathbf{Bm}
Seems like my heart is breaking in two.
            G Bm
My head says no, but my soul de-mands it,
            G D C
Everything I do re-minds me of you.
            G D C
Everything I do re-minds me of you,
            G D C
Everything I do re-minds me of you.
Outro:
C C/B C/A, G
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CHORD DIAGRAMS:

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8...NEW BIOGRAPHY... by Van Morrison
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*from Back on Top (1999)*
*CAPO 3rd FRET*
(Original Key: Eb)
Intro:
C Am, F G (x2)
Verse 1:
See you ve got the new bi-ography,
Where did they get the info from?
                    Αm
Same as before; some so-called friends,
Who claim to have known me then.
Verse 2:
How come they ve got such good memories,
When I can t even re-member last week?
Got to question where they re coming from,
What knowledge of me is it that they speak?
Bridge 1:
            Αm
So far away, way back when,
The people that claim to have known me then.
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D

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C/B

C/A

C

G

Bm

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They re not on my wavelength and it s such a shame,
That they have to play the name game.
The fame game, oh, the name game.
Lord, it s a cryin shame, Lord, tell me what s to blame?
Verse 3:
                    Am
Reinvented all the stories they know,
Give them all a different slant.
                                Am
What is it that they re really looking for?
Just a hobby on the internet.
Bridge 2:
             Am
So far away, way back when,
The people that claim to have known me then.
Chorus 2:
 They re not on my wavelength and it s such a shame,
That they have to play the name game.
The fame game, oh, the name game.
Lord, it s a cryin shame, Lord, tell me what s to blame?
Sax Solo:
C Am, F G (x2)
Break:
Αm
 If they didn t really know me way back,
How can they know me now in any respect?
Am
 It s a pity they don t feel the pain,
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Chorus 1:

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That they should pay the price to play, to play...
Chorus 3:
The fame game, oh, the name game.
Lord, it s a cryin shame, Lord, tell me what s to blame?
Chorus 4:
                                       Am
They re not on my wavelength and it s such a shame,
That they have to play, have to play...
                      Am
The fame game, oh, the name game.
Lord, it s a cryin shame,
Lord, tell me what s to blame? They keep on playin ...
    C
                      Am
The fame game, oh, the name game.
Lord, it s a cryin shame,
Lord, tell me what s to blame? They keep on playin ...
The fame game, oh, the name game.
Lord, it s a cryin shame,
Lord, tell me what s to blame? They keep on playin ...
The fame game, oh, the name game.
Lord, it s a cryin shame,
Lord, tell me what s to blame? They keep on playin ...
Outro:
C Am, F G
(Repeat to Fade)
CHORD DIAGRAMS:
  C
         Am F
                         G
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9...PRECIOUS TIME... by Van Morrison
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*from Back on Top (1999)*
Intro:
G C G D (x2), C G
Chorus 1:
                C
Precious time is slipping away,
But you re only king for a day.
It doesn t matter to which God you pray;
G D
Precious time is slipping a-way.
Verse 1:
It doesn t matter what route you take;
Sooner or later the hearts going to break.
No rhyme or reason, no master plan,
            C G
No Nir-vana, no promised land.
Chorus 2:
Precious time is slipping away,
But you re only king for a day.
It doesn t matter to which God you pray;
Precious time is slipping a-way.
Verse 2:
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C

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G

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But then I keep on searching for immor-tality.
She s so beautiful, but she s going to die some day;
Everything in life just passes a-way.
Chorus 3:
Precious time is slipping away,
But you re only king for a day.
It doesn t matter to which God you pray;
Precious time is slipping a-way.
Verse 3:
Well, this world is cruel, with it s twists and turns,
Well, the fire s still in me, and the passion burns.
 I love you madly, till the day I die,
 Till Hell freezes over, and the rivers run dry. Because...
Chorus 4:
Precious time is slipping away,
But you re only king for a day.
It doesn t matter to which God you pray;
         D
Precious time is slipping a-way.
Chorus 5:
Precious time is slipping away,
But you re only king for a day.
 It doesn t matter to which God you pray;
Precious time is slipping a-way.
(Repeat to Fade)
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Say que sera, whatever will be,

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G C D
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10...GOLDEN AUTUMN DAY... by Van Morrison
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*from Back on Top (1999)*
Intro:
F Am, Bbmaj7 (x2)
Verse 1:
Well, I heard the bells ringing,
                                    Bbmaj7
I was thinking about winning, in this God forsaken place.
When my confidence was well,
                               Bbmaj7
Then I tripped and I fell, right flat on my face.
Now I m standing erect,
                                  Bbmaj7
And I feel like coming back and the sun is shining gold.
Put a smile on my face,
                                 Bbmaj7
        Αm
Get back in the human race and get on with the show.
Bridge 1:
                           Bbmaj7
And I m taking in the Indian Summer,
And I m soaking it up in my mind.
                                  Bbmaj7
And I m pre-tending, that it s para-dise...
Chorus 1:
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F

Bbmaj7

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

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On a golden Autumn day.
                       Bbmaj7
On a golden Autumn day.
                       Bbmaj7
On a golden Autumn day.
On a golden Autumn day.
Verse 2:
In the wee midnight hour,
                              Bbma j7
I was parking my car, in this dimly lit town.
I was at-tacked by two thugs,
                                     Bbmaj7
Who took me for a mug and shoved me down on the ground.
And they pulled out a knife,
                               Bbmaj7
And I fought my way up as they scarpered from the scene.
Well, this is no New York street,
                                                   Bbmaj7
And there s no Bobby on the beat and things ain t just what they seem.
Bridge 2:
                             Bbmaj7
And I m taking in the Indian Summer,
                            Bbmaj7
And I m soaking it up in my mind.
                                     Bbmaj7
And I m pre-tending, that it s para-dise...
Chorus 2:
                       Bbmaj7
On a golden Autumn day.
                   F
                       Bbmaj7
On a golden Autumn day.
                       Bbmaj7
On a golden Autumn day.
On a golden Autumn day.
Solo:
  Am, Bbmaj7 (x4)
C Bbmaj7 (x4)
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F Bbmaj7 (x3), F C

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Verse 3:
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F

Who would think this could happen,

Am Bbmaj7

In a city like this, among Blake s green and pleasant hills?

F

And we must remember,

Mm Bbmaj7

As we go through September, among these dark satanic mills.

F

If there s such a thing as justice,

Am Bbmaj7

I could take them out and flog them, in the nearest green field.

F

And it might be a lesson,

Am Bbmaj7

To the bleeders of the system, in this whole society.

Bridge 3:

C Bbmaj7

And I m taking in the Indian Summer,

C Bbmaj7

And I m soaking it up in my mind.

C Bbmaj7

And I m pre-tending, that it s para-dise...

Chorus 3:

F Bbmaj7

On a golden Autumn day.

Outro:

(Strings)

F, Bbmaj7 (x8)

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

F Am Bbmaj7 C

EADGBE EADGBE EADGBE 133211 x02210 x13231 x32010

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