

Hard Nose The Highway
Van Morrison

...HARD NOSE THE HIGHWAY... by Van Morrison (1973)

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1...SNOW IN SAN ANSELMO... by Van Morrison

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from Hard Nose the Highway (1973)

Intro:

Em

Verse 1:

Am G F Am G F
Snow in San An-selmo, the deer cross by the lights.
Am G F
The mission down in Old San Rafael;
Dm F Dm F
A madman looking for a fight, a madman looking for a fight.

Verse 2:

Am G F Am G F
The massage parlour s open; the clientele come and they go.
Am G F
The classic music station;
Dm F
Plays in the background soft and low,
Dm F
Plays in the background soft and low.

Break:

Am C G Bb

Am G F (x2), Am

Verse 3:

Am G F Am G F
The silence round the cascades; the ice crisp and clear.
Am G F
The be-ginning of the opera;
Dm F Dm F
Seem to suddenly ap-pear, seem to suddenly ap-pear.

Verse 4:

Am G F Am G F
The pancake house is always crowded; open 24 hours of every day.
Am G F
And if you suffer from in-somnia;
Dm F Dm F
You can speed your time a-way, you can speed your time a-way.

Verse 5:

Am G F
Snow in San An-selmo,
Am G F
My waitress, my waitress, my waitress said it was coming down.
Am G F
Said it hadn t happened in over 30 years;
Dm F Dm F
But it was laying on the ground, it was laying on the ground.

Break:

Am C G Bb

Am G F (x2), Am

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

| Em | Am | G | F | Dm | C | Bb |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE |
| 022000 | x02210 | 320003 | 133211 | xx0231 | x32010 | x13331 |

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2...WARM LOVE... by Van Morrison

from Hard Nose the Highway (1973)

Verse 1:

D

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--|-------|------|-------|-------|--|
| e | | ---- | 2-0 | ---- | 0-2-0 | ---- | | --0 | ---- | 0--2 | ----- | |
| B | | ----- | 3 | ----- | 3-- | | | ---- | 3 | ----- | | |
| G | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | ----- | | |
| D | | --0 | ----- | | | | | ----- | | | | |
| A | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | 0-- | | |
| E | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | | | |

(with Above Riff):

D
Look at the ivy on the cold clinging wall,

D

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|---|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| e | | ---- | 2-0 | ---- | 0-2-0 | ---- | | --0 | ----- | | | |
| B | | ----- | 3 | ----- | 3-- | | | ---- | 3-0-3 | ----- | | |
| G | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | | | |
| D | | --0 | ----- | | | | | ----- | | | | |
| A | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | 0-- | | |
| E | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | | | |

(with Above Riff):

D
Look at the flowers and the green grass so tall.

D

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|---|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--|-------|------|-------|-------|--|
| e | | ---- | 2-0 | ---- | 0-2-0 | ---- | | --0 | ---- | 0--2 | ----- | |
| B | | ----- | 3 | ----- | 3-- | | | ---- | 3 | ----- | | |
| G | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | | | |
| D | | --0 | ----- | | | | | ----- | | | | |
| A | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | 0-- | | |
| E | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | | | |

(with Above Riff):

D
It s not a matter of when push comes to shove,

D

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|---|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--|-------|-----------------|--------------|--|--|
| e | | ---- | 2-0 | ---- | 0-2-0 | ---- | | --0 | ---- | 0--2--0--2-- | | |
| B | | ----- | 3 | ----- | 3-- | | | ---- | 3--0--3--0--3-- | | | |
| G | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | | | |
| D | | --0 | ----- | | | | | ----- | | | | |
| A | | ----- | | ----- | | | | ----- | | | | |

E|-----|-----|

(with Above Riff):

D

It s just an hour on the wings of a dove.

Chorus 1:

G D G D

It s just warm love,

G D G D

It s just warm love.

Verse 2:

D

e|--2-0--2-0----0----|--0-2-0--0h2--|
B|--3-0--3-0--3-0-3--|--0-3-0--0h3--|
G|-----2-0-2--|-----|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

(with Above Riff):

D

I dig it when you re fancy dressed up in lace,

D

e|--2-0--2-0--2-0-2--|--0-2-----2--|
B|--3-0--3-0--3-0-3--|--0-3--0--3--|
G|----0-----0----|-----0--2--|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

(with Above Riff):

D

I dig it when you have a smile on your face.

D

e|--2-0--2-0--2--0-----|--0----0--0h2--|
B|--3-0--3-0--3--0--3--|--0-3--0--0h3--|
G|-----0--2-----2--|---2-----|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

(with Above Riff):

D

This inspiration s got to be on the flow,

D

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e|--2-0-2-0-2-0-----|-----0--2--|
B|--3-0-3-0-3-0--3--|--0-3-0-3--0--3--|
G|--2-----2--|--0-2-0-2--0--2--|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|
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(with Above Riff):

D

This invitation s got to see it and know;

Chorus 2:

G D G D

It s just warm love,

G D G D

It s just warm love.

Bridge 1:

Em

And it s ever present everywhere,

D

And it s ever present everywhere; that warm love.

Em

And it s ever present everywhere,

D

And it s ever present everywhere; that warm love.

Middle 8:

A Bm A D

To the coun-try, I m going;

A Bm A D

Lay and laugh in the sun.

A Bm A Bm F#m

You can bring your gui-tar a-long,

Bm F#m A

We ll sing some songs, we ll have some fun.

Verse 3: (with Verse Riffs)

D

The sky is crying and it s time to go home,
And we shall hurry to the car from the foam.
Sit by the fire and dry out our wet clothes,
It s raining outside from the skies up above.

Chorus 3:

G D G D
 Inside it s warm love,
G D G D
 Inside it s warm love.

Bridge 2:

Em
 And it s ever present everywhere,
D
 And it s ever present everywhere; that warm love.
Em
 And it s ever present everywhere, and it s ever present everywhere;
D
 That warm love, that warm love, that warm love.

D
 e|-----2-0---0-2-0----|--0--2-----|
 B|-----3-----3--|--0--3--0--3----|
 G|-----|-----0--2----|
 D|--0-----|-----0----|
 A|-----|-----0----|
 E|-----|-----|

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

| D | G | Em | A | Bm | F#m |
|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE |
| xx0232 | 320003 | 022000 | x02220 | x24432 | 244222 |

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3...HARD NOSE THE HIGHWAY... by Van Morrison

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from Hard Nose the Highway (1973)

Intro:

D
 e|--2-3-2-0-2--|--2-3-2-0-2--|--2-3-2-0-2--|--3-2--|
 B|--3-3-3-3-3--|--3-3-3-3-3--|--3-3-3-3-3--|--3-3--|
 G|--2-2-2-2-2--|--2-2-2-2-2--|--2-3-2-0-2--|--3-2--|
 D|--0-0-0-0-0--|--0-0-0-0-0--|--0-0-0-0-0--|--0-0--|
 A|-----|-----|-----|-----|
 E|-----|-----|-----|-----|

Verse 1:

G F#m Em D
Hey kids, dig the first takes,
G F#m Em D
Ain t that some interpre-tation?
G F#m D Bm
When Sinatra sings, against Nelson Riddle strings,
G A D
Then takes a va-cation.

Chorus 1:

G D G D
Seen some hard times, drawn some bad lines.
G A (n.C) G G/F# Em D
No time for shoe-shines... hard nose the highway.

Verse 2:

G F#m Em D
I was tore down, at the dead s place,
G F#m Em D
Shaved head at the organ.
G F#m D Bm
But that wasn t half as bad as it was, oh no,
G A D
Belfast and Boston.

Chorus 2:

G D G D
Seen some hard times, drawn some bad lines.
G A (n.C) G G/F# Em D
No time for shoe-shines... hard nose the highway.

Solo:

G F#m Em D (x3), Bm, G A D

Verse 3:

G F#m Em D
Put your money where your mouth is,
G F#m Em D
Then we can get something going.
G F#m D Bm
In order to win, you must be prepared to lose some-time,
G A D
And leave one or two cards showing.

Chorus 3:

G D G D
 Seen some hard times, drawn some bad lines.
G A (n.C) G G/F# Em D
 No time for shoe-shines... hard nose the highway.

G D G D
 Seen some hard times, drawn some bad lines.
G A (n.C) G G/F# Em D
 No time for shoe-shines... hard nose the highway.

Outro:

D, G G/F# Em D

(Repeat to Fade)

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

| D | G | F#m | Em | Bm | A | G/F# |
|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE |
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4...WILD CHILDREN... by Van Morrison

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from Hard Nose the Highway (1973)

Intro:

Dmaj7 G

Verse 1:

Dmaj7 G Dmaj7 G
 We were the war children; Nineteen Forty Five.
Dmaj7 Bm7
 When all the soldiers came marching home from war;
Em7 A7 G Dmaj7
 Love looks in their eye, in their eye.

Verse 2:

G Dmaj7 G Dmaj7
 Tennessee Williams; let your inspi-ration flow.
G Dmaj7 Bm7

Let it be around, when we hear the sound,
Em7 **A7** **G** **Dmaj7**
 When the spring time rivers flow, when the rivers flow.

Verse 3:

G **Dmaj7**
 Rod steiger and Marlon Brando,
G **Dmaj7**
 Standing with their heads bowed on the side.
G **Dmaj7** **Bm**
 Crying like a baby, thinking about the time,
Em7 **A7** **G** **Dmaj7**
 James Dean took that fatal ride, took that ride.

Interlude:

Bmaj7 **F#maj7** (x3), **G#m7** **C#7**, **Bmaj7** **F#maj7**

Verse 4:

G **Dmaj7** **G** **Dmaj7**
 Tennessee Williams; let your inspi-ration flow.
G **Dmaj7** **Bm7**
 Let it be around, when we hear the sound,
Em7 **A7** **G** **Dmaj7**
 When the spring time rivers flow, when the rivers flow.

Verse 5:

G **Dmaj7**
 Rod steiger and Marlon Brando,
G **Dmaj7**
 Standing with their heads bowed on the side.
G **Dmaj7** **Bm**
 Crying like a baby, thinking about the time,
Em7 **A7** **G** **Dmaj7**
 James Dean took that fatal ride, took that ride.

Verse 6:

Dmaj7 **G** **Dmaj7** **G**
 We were the war children; Nineteen Forty Five.
Dmaj7 **Bm7**
 When all the soldiers came marching home from war;
Em7 **A7** **G** **Dmaj7**
 Love looks in their eye, in their eye.

(Repeat to Fade)

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

D
C
 Did you ever, ever see the people,
Bm
C
 With the tear drops in their eyes?

Verse 3:

Verse 4:

Chorus 2:

Verse 5:

Verse 6:

Em D C
Somebody started saying it was an inside job;
G Em
Whatever happened to him?

Verse 7:

Em D G
Say son, kid, do you want your eyeballs back?

Chorus 3:

D C
 Did you ever, ever see the people,
 Bm C
 With the tear drops in their eyes?
 D C
 I just can t stand it, stand it no how,
 Bm G (n.C)
 Living in this world of lies.

Verse 8:

Did you ever hear a-bout The Great De-ception?

G Em Well, the plastic revolutionaries take the money and run.

G Em D C Have you ever been down to Love City?

Em D G Where they rip you off with a smile, and it don t take a gun.

Outro:

Have you ever heard about... Em D Em
The Great Deception.

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

| G | Em | D | C | Bm |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE |
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6...BEIN GREEN... by Van Morrison

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from Hard Nose the Highway (1973)

CAPO 2nd FRET

(Original Key: **E**)

Intro:

D Daug Em7 A7 Aaug

Verse 1:

D C#m7
It s not easy bein green,
D B7
Having to spend each day the colour of the leaves.
Em7
When it could be nicer bein red, or yellow, or gold,
A7 D Em7 A7
Or something much more colour-ful like that.

Verse 2:

Aaug D C#m7
It s not easy bein green,
D B7
It seems you blend in with so many other ordinary things.
Em7 A7
And people tend to pass you by cos you re not standing out,
D D7
Like sparkles on the water, or stars in the sky.

Bridge 1:

Gmaj7
But green is the colour of spring,
D D7
And green can be cool and friendly like.
B7 E7
And green can be big like an ocean,
Em A7 (n.C)
Or important like a mountain, or tall like a tree.

Verse 3:

| D | Daug | Em7 | A7 | Aaug | C#m7 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE |
| xx0232 | xx0332 | 022030 | x02223 | xxx221 | x46454 |
| B7 | D7 | Gmaj7 | E7 | Em | |

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7...AUTUMN SONG... by Van Morrison

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from Hard Nose the Highway (1973)

Intro:

Ama j7 Bm7 (x2)

Verse 1:

Ama j7 Bm7 F#7
Leaves of brown, they fall to the ground,
F7 G7 G#7 Ama j7
And it s here, over there; leaves a-bound.

Ama j7 Bm7 F#7
Shut the door, dim the lights, and relax.
F7 G7 G#7 Ama j7
What is more; your de-sire, or the facts?

Chorus 1:

D
Pitter patter, the rain falling down,
Little glamour, sun coming round.
(**Ama j7**)
Take a walk when Autumn comes to town.

Interlude:

Ama j7 Bm7 (x2)

Verse 2:

Ama j7 Bm7 F#7
Little stroll past the house, on the hill.
F7 G7 G#7 Ama j7
Some more coal on the fire, will do well.

Ama j7 Bm7 F#7
And in a week or two, it ll be Halloween.
F7 G7 G#7 Ama j7
Set the page and the stage, for the scene.

Chorus 2:

D

Little game the children will play,
And as we watch them, while time away.

(**Amaj7**)

Look at me and take my breath a-way, yeah.

Interlude:

Amaj7 Bm7 (x2)

Bridge 1:

C F C F
You ll be smiling, eyes be-guiling,
C F Dm7 G7
And the song on the breeze will call my name out,
Amaj7
And your... dream.

Verse 3:

Amaj7 Bm7 F#7
Chestnuts roasting, out-side,
F7 G7 G#7 Amaj7
As you walk, with your love, by your side.

Amaj7 Bm7 F#7
The old accordion man plays, mellow and bright.
F7 G7 G#7 Amaj7
And you go home, in the crispness, of the night.

Chorus 3:

D

Little later, friends will be along,
And if you feel like joining the throng,
(**Amaj7**)
Just might feel like singing Autumn Song.

Interlude:

Amaj7 Bm7 (x2)

Solo:

Amaj7 Bm7, F#7 F7 G7 G#7, Amaj7 (x2), D

Interlude:

Amaj7 Bm7 (x2)

Bridge 2:

C F C F
You'll be smiling, eyes be-guiling,
C F Dm7 G7
And the song on the breeze will call my name out,
 Amaj7
And your... dream.

Verse 4:

Amaj7 **Bm7** **F#7**
 Chestnuts roasting, out-side,
F7 **G7** **G#7** **Amaj7**
 As you walk, with your love, by your side.

Amaj7 **Bm7** **F#7**
 The old accordion man plays, mellow and bright.
F7 **G7** **G#7** **Amaj7**
 And you go home, in the crispness, of the night.

Chorus 4:

D
Little later, friends will be along,
And if you feel like joining the throng,
(Amaj7)
Just might feel like singing Autumn Song.

Outro:

Ama j7 Bm7

(Repeat with Solos and Improvs to Fade)

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

| Ama j7 | Bm7 | F#7 | F7 | G7 |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| EADGBE x02120 | EADGBE x24232 | EADGBE 242322 | EADGBE 131211 | EADGBE 353433 |
| G#7 | D | C | F | Dm7 |
| EADGBE 464544 | EADGBE xx0232 | EADGBE x32010 | EADGBE 133211 | EADGBE xx0221 |

8...PURPLE HEATHER... by Van Morrison

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from Hard Nose the Highway (1973)

Intro:

G, C (x4)

Verse 1:

G C G C G
Well the summertime, has gone, and the leaves are gently tur-nin .
C G Am C
And my love I wanna take you, to the place, heart-a-yearnin .
G C G
Will you go, lassie go?

Chorus 1:

C G C G
And we ll all go to-gether, in the wild mountain thyme.
Am C
All around the blooming heather.
G C G
Will you go?

Verse 2:

G G C G
And I will build my love a tower, at the foot of yonder mountain.
C G Am C
And visit by the hour, from a lonely wooden tower.
G C G
Will you go, lassie go?

Chorus 2:

C G C G
And we ll all go to-gether, in the wild mountain thyme.
Am C
All around the blooming heather.
G C G
Come on.

Interlude:

G, C, G C, G

Piano Solo:

C G (x2), Am C, G C G

Interlude:

G C, G

Verse 3:

G G G
And I will build my love a tower, at the foot of yonder mountain.
C G Am C
And visit by the hour, from a lonely wooden tower.
G C G
Will you go, lassie go?

Chorus 3:

C G C G
And we ll all go to-gether, in the wild mountain thyme.
Am C
All around the blooming heather.
G C G
Will you go,
G C G C
Lassie go; will you go?

Outro:

G C

(Repeat to Fade)

CHORD DIAGRAMS:

| G | C | Am |
|--------|--------|--------|
| EADGBE | EADGBE | EADGBE |
| 320003 | x32010 | x02210 |

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