



SONGS OF REDEMPTION

Hurricane, the only innocent Hurricane, protest song: Pro (in favor) — Attest (testify for) the character case of Boxer Mr. Carter framed on burn rap Passaic County N.J. whom Dylan ministrel visited in jail. Doctor Poet W.C. Williams dying nearby said "A new world is only a new mind." & spent life redeeming pure North Jersey language so later poets could sing "tough iron metal" talk rhymes

They want to put his ass in stir They want to pin this triple murder on him

...He coulda been the champion of the wooorld — "

& end plain as day

"...Shame!

to live in a land where Justice is a game!" so every Paterson kid will know News furthermore that

"Rubin sits like Buddha in a 10 foot cell." Big daily Announcement, song'll hit streets Supreme Courts'll have coughed & weeped. Rubin Carter sprung pray God if there's One in America familiar harmonica pierces cars that just heard about

criminals in their coats & their ties...

Old Bards & Minstrels rhymed their years' news on pilgrimage road — Visitations town to fown singing Kings' shepherds cow boys' & law-yers' secrets — Good Citizen Minstrel truth's instantaneously heard. Big Sound in conscious generations. Local newsboy-prophet song echoes old youthful idealistic William ZanZinger poem, amplified alive. 1975. Dead protest? Woody Guthrie lineage road bards'll still make us weep where there's suffering to be sung.

Dylan's Redemption Songs! If he can do it we can do it. America can do it. "It's all right Ma I can make it." Yes! with tough gold metal compassion, he's giving away Gold again—but remember, good Anarchists. "To live outside the Law you must be honest." Drunken aggressive beer bottles It never redeem anybody—But clear conscious song can, every syllable pronounced, every consonant succred out with lips risen over teeth to pronounce them exactly to a T in microphone, snarled out NOT for bummer ego put-down but instead for egoless enunciation of exact phrasings so everyone can hear intelligence—which is only your own heart Dear.

<u>Isis</u> here recorded, the singer later developed onstage sung for weeks whiteface, big grey hat stuck with November leaves & flowers—no instrument in hand, thin Chaplinesque body dancing to syllables sustained by Rolling Thunder band rhythm following Dylan's spontaneous ritards & talk-like mouthings for clarity, "It's only <u>natchural</u>." So you can <u>hear</u> it! With two-part dialogue! Big discovery, these songs are the culmination of Poetrymusic as dreamt of in the '50s & early '60s—poets

reciting-chanting with instruments and bongos — Steady rhythm behind the elastic language, poet alone at microphone reciting-singing surreal-history love text ending in giant "YEAH!" when minstrel gives his heart away & says he wants to stay. Dylan will stay here with us! "You may not see me tomorrow." So he now lets loose his long-vowel yowls & yawps over smalltowns antennaed rooftops. To kis Moon Lady Language Creator Birth Goddess. Mother of Ra, Saraswati & Kali-Ma too. Hecate, Ea, Astarte, Sophia & Aphrodite, Divine Mother.

Oh Sister, who's he talking about? Eternal sister? Good citizen sisters, he's still tender friend—lost alone loved like a thin terrified guru by every seeker in America who's heard that long-vowelled voice in heroic ecstasy triumphant. "How does it feel?" And now come down from that Mountain of Sound, singing like a Biblical mortal

"Oh sister am I not a brother to you
And one deserving of affection?
And is our purpose not the same on this Earth
To love and follow his direction?

We grew up together from the cradle to the grave

Time is an ocean but it ends at the shore.
You may not see me tomorrow."

Follows the first City Narrative, solid facts beating foreward with drums & violins—like a jagged short story, ballad sung by hero making hero of unlikely sensitive gangster Gallo, kard iron metal Villonesque stoicism & sympathy, with long lamenting refrain over name anonymous in 25 years Joey, with dialogue movie panoramic cold suns over Brooklyn—and your inside news the papers didn't interpret for the murdered outlaw.

Black Diamond Bay's also a short novel in verse, oldfashioned Dylan surrealist mind-jump inventions line by line, except D, says he's reading Joseph Conrad storyteller, so hear continuous succession of Panama Hat Necktie details, exploding boilers & characters disappearing in tornados-Suddenly a big dissolve & you're sitting with minstrel Dylan in L.A. household watching the same poem Cronkited on TV news; bard sings the awful movie where everybody loses & what can you say? My father age 80 also bowed his head & said, "What can you do?" under his breath. Interesting, this long real-life spy hallucination tale opening the mind-suddenly put back into the Samsara tube with a cynic lament, its hopelessness -the condition of World on its own bummer. not ours or Dylan's - we're only 25% responsi-

ble the Crazy Wisdom Lama says.

By the time Dylan'd made the great disillusioned national rhyme Idiot Wind

"...Blowing like a circle round your skull

From the Grand Coulee Darn to the Capitol..." he must be been ready for another great surge of unafraid prophetic feeling—odd weeks seeking community he'd gone back to Other End Bleeker Street music house & jammed & drunk with ancient friend song improvisor Bob Neuwirth & also anonymous genius street studio guitarists drummers violin prodigies Rob Stoner. Howie Wyeth & Botticelli-faced little David Mansfield from

New Jersey - stopped his red car in East Village for ravenhaired Scarlet Rivera walking with her violin case - giant adolescent T-Bone Burnett materialized from Texas, Steven Soles from Blues New York - Half-month was spent solitary on Long Island with theatrist Jacques Levy working on song facts phrases & rhymes, sharing information seriousness - Lots of high rhythmic art, like the fast Mexican II syllables beginning Durango "Hot Chili Peppers in the blistering sun" masterpieces enterged - Song become conscious poetry. the best you can say in total rhythm, allowing for your speech to fall like your mother's radiotalk, allowing for the singer to open his whole body for Inspiration to breathe out a long mad vowel to nail down the word into everyone's heart-That's where you get the funny syncopation waiting to pronounce the line just right as the music marches by, free, hopeless, jumping in and out the fatal chords. "We may not make it through the night."

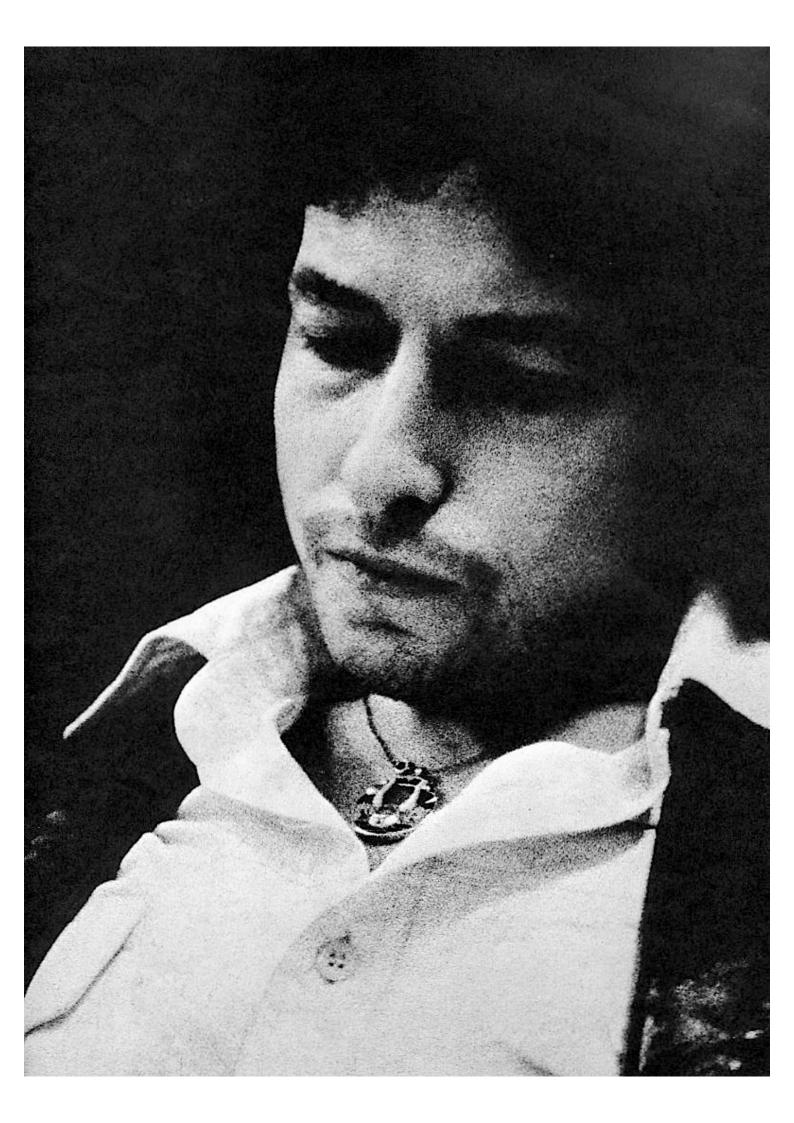
But he's still like an electric bullet," the Buddhist boy said, where's the great slowdown tenderness where everyone knows where Dylan's at under his minstrel Hat? Two songs his own heartlife sings alone, total. One More Cup of Coffee for the Road - voice lifts in Hebraic cantillation never heard before in U.S. song, ancient blood singing -a new age, a new Dylan again redeemed, at ease - A little bit like America now, not paranoid any more, it's the real Seventies - (every generation-decade flowers in the middle, Poetry Renaissance 1955, Peace Vietnam Berkeley 1965) - for now the congregation of poets sings across the land with new old soul-joy, shit burned out, ego recognized & allow'd its place, pleasurelust put aside with suicidal pain, heart stilled & singing clear, cantillating like synagogue cantor. "fore I go down to the Valley below."

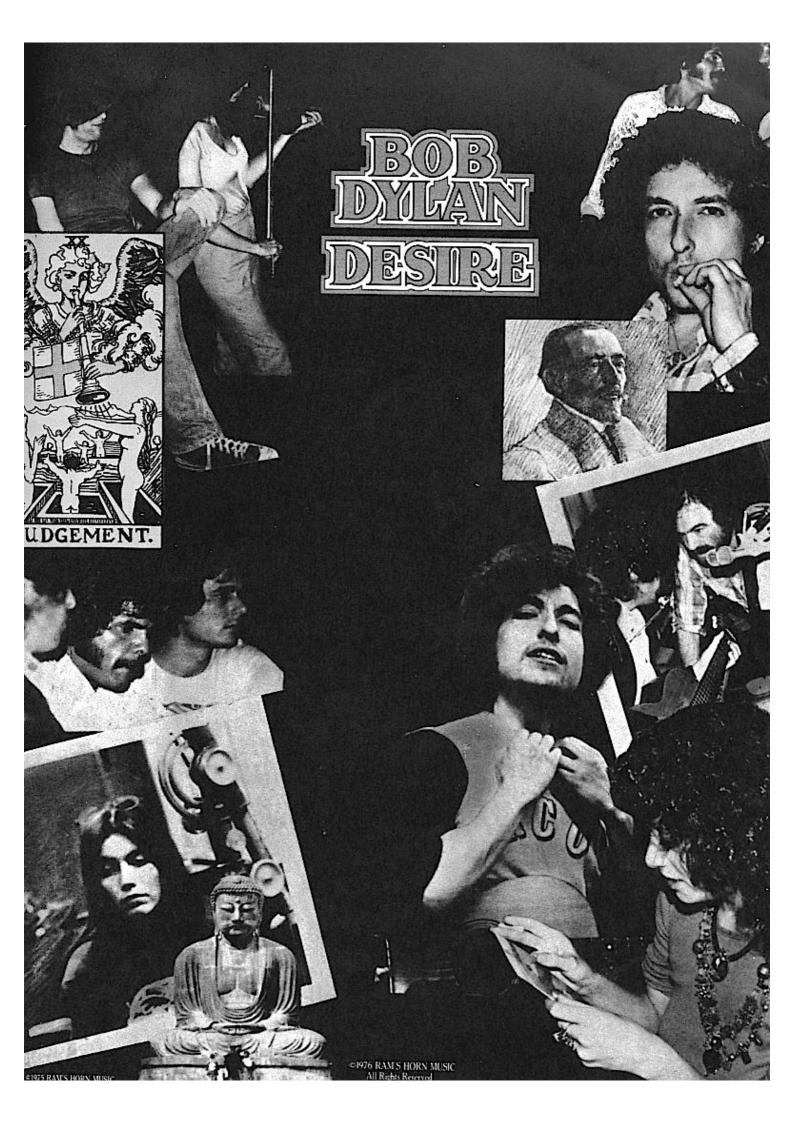
How far has he gone? All the way from scared solitude inner prophetics — building on that mind-honesty strangeness — to openhearted personal historical confession. As <u>Coffee for Road</u>'s Semilic mode. <u>Sara</u>, is profound ancient tune revealing family paradigm — telling Wife & World the last secrets of solitary weeping art:

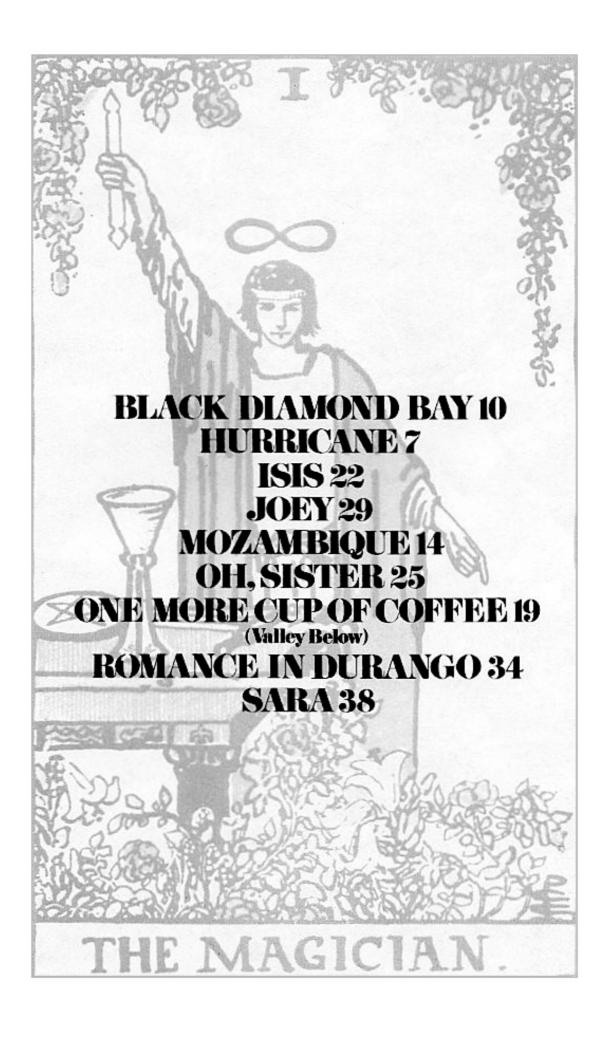
"Staying up for days in the Chelsea Hotel

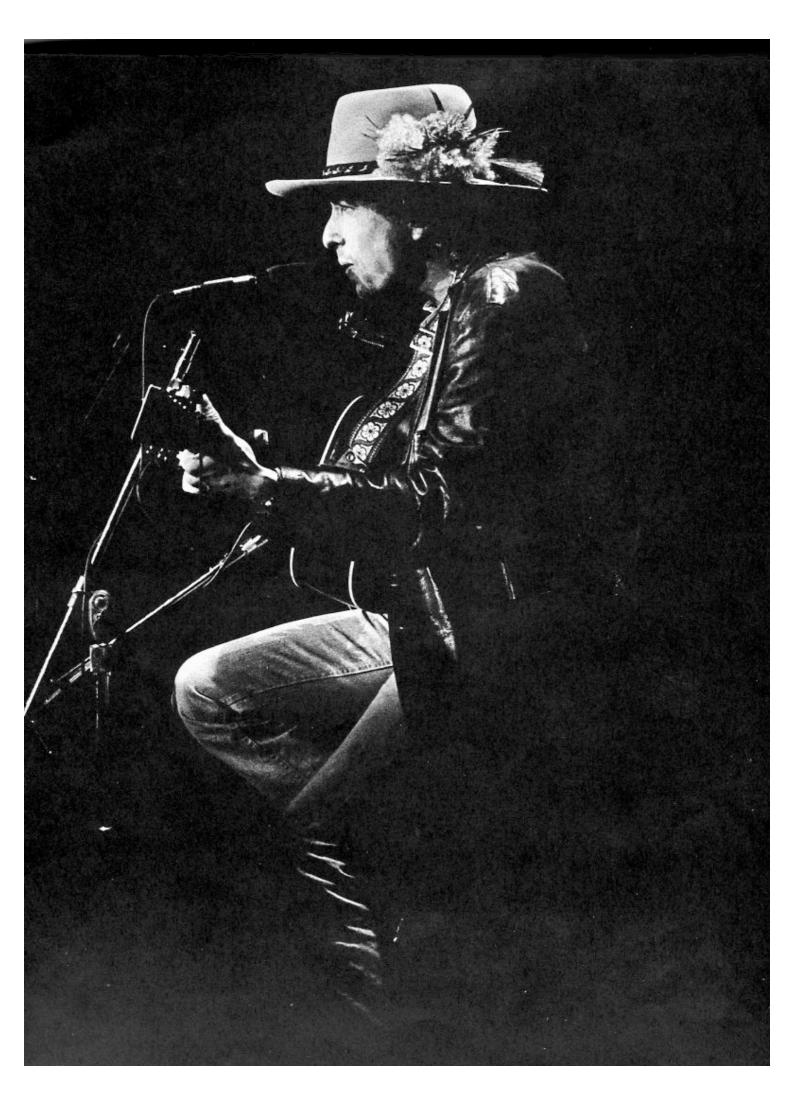
Writing Sad Eyed Lady of the Lowland for you." Who wouldn thought he'd say it, so everybody'd finally know him, same soul crying vulnerable caught in a body we all are?—enough Person revealed to make Whitman's whole nation weep. And behind it all the vast lone space of No God, or God, mindful conscious compassion, lifetime awareness, we're here in America at last, redeemed. O Generation, keep on working!

Allen Ginsberg Co-Director Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics, Naropa Institute York Harbor, Maine 10 November 1975





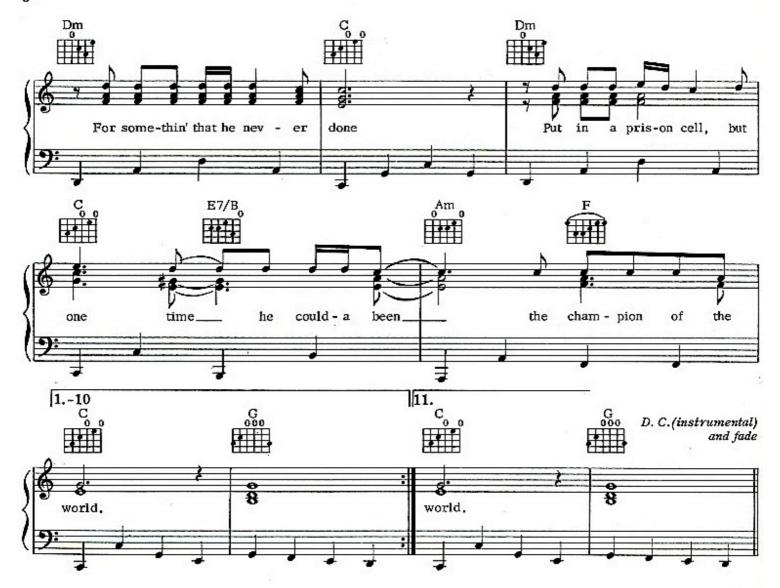




HURRICANE

Music by BOB DYLAN Words by BOB DYLAN and JACQUES LEVY Moderately bright 4 Am En-ter Pat-ty Val-en-tine from the 1. Pis-tol shots ring out in the barroom pool of She sees the bar-tend-er in a up - per Cries out, "My God, they killed Here comes the sto-ry of the The man the au-thor-i-ties blame_

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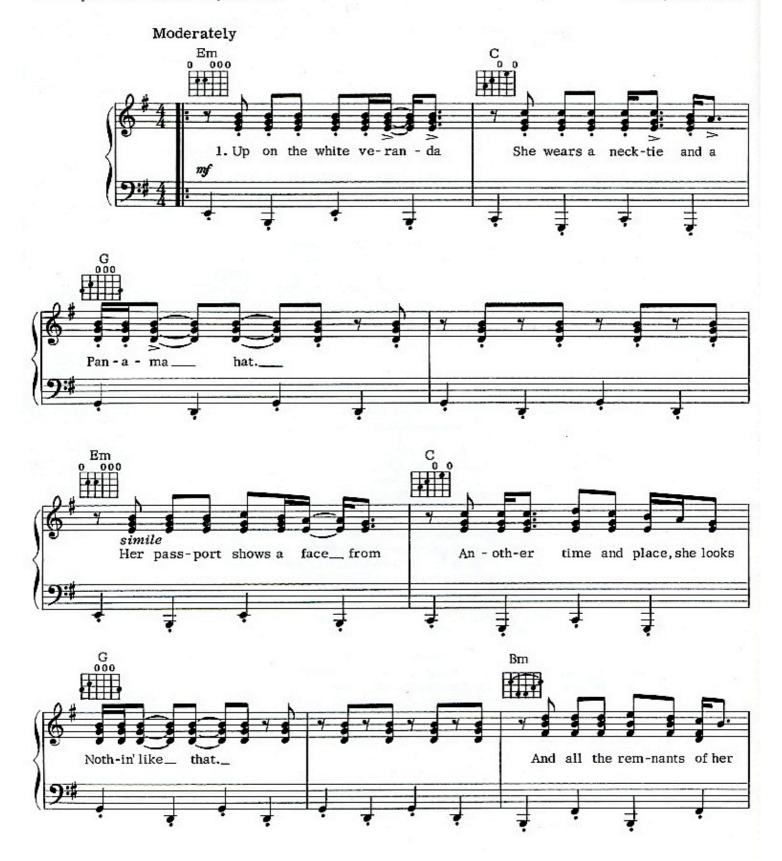


- 2. Three bodies lyin' there does Patty see And another man named Bello, movin' around mysteriously "I didn't do it," he says, and he throws up his hands "I was only robbin' the register, I hope you understand I saw them leavin," he says, and he stops "One of us had better call up the cops" And so Patty calls the cops And they arrive on the scene with their red lights flashin' In the hot New Jersey night
- 3. Meanwhile, far away in another part of town
 Rubin Carter and a couple of friends are drivin' around
 Number one contender for the middleweight crown
 Had no idea what kinda shit was about to go down
 When a cop pulled him over to the side of the road
 Just like the time before and the time before that
 In Paterson that's just the way things go
 If you're black you might as well not show up on the street
 'Less you wanta draw the heat
- 4. Alfred Bello had a partner and he had a rap for the cops Him and Arthur Dexter Bradley were just out prowlin' around He said, "I saw two men runnin' out, they looked like middleweights They jumped into a white car with out-of-state plates" And Miss Patty Valentine just nodded her head Cop said, "Wait a minute boys, this one's not dead" So they took him to the infirmary And though this man could hardly see They told him that he could identify the guilty men

- 5. Four in the mornin' and they haul Rubin in Take him to the hospital and they bring him upstairs The wounded man looks up through his one dyin' eye Says, "Wha'd you bring him in here for? He ain't the guy!" Yes, here's the story of the Hurricane The man the authorities came to blame For somethin' that he never done Put in a prison cell, but one time he coulda been The champion of the world
- 6. Four months later, the ghettoes are in flame Rubin's in South America, fightin' for his name While Arthur Dexter Bradley's still in the robbery game And the cops are puttin' the screws to him, lookin' for somebody to blame "Remember that murder that happened in a bar?" "Remember you said you saw the getaway car?" "You think you'd like to play ball with the law?" "Think it mighta been that fighter that you saw runnin' that night?" "Don't forget that you are white"
- 7. Arthur Dexter Bradley said, "I'm really not sure"
 Cops said, "A poor boy like you could use a break
 We got you for the motel job and we're talkin' to your friend Bello
 Now you don't wanta have to go back to jail, be a nice fellow
 You'll be doin' society a favor
 That sonofabitch is brave and gettin' braver
 We want to put his ass in stir
 We want to pin this triple murder on him
 He ain't no Gentleman Jim"
- 8. Rubin could take a man out with just one punch
 But he never did like to talk about it all that much
 It's my work, he'd say, and I do it for pay
 And when it's over I'd just as soon go on my way
 Up to some paradise
 Where the trout streams flow and the air is nice
 And ride a horse along a trail
 But then they took him to the jail house
 Where they try to turn a man into a mouse
- 9. All of Rubin's cards were marked in advance The trial was a pig-circus, he never had a chance The judge made Rubin's witnesses drunkards from the slums To the white folks who watched he was a revolutionary bum And to the black folks he was just a crazy nigger No one doubted that he pulled the trigger And though they could not produce the gun The D.A. said he was the one who did the deed And the all-white jury agreed
- 10. Rubin Carter was falsely tried
 The crime was murder "one", guess who testified?
 Bello and Bradley and they both baldly lied
 And the newspapers, they all went along for the ride
 How can the life of such a man
 Be in the palm of some fool's hand?
 To see him obviously framed
 Couldn't help but make me feel ashamed to live in a land
 Where justice is a game
- 11. Now all the criminals in their coats and their ties
 Are free to drink martinis and watch the sun rise
 While Rubin sits like Buddha in a ten-foot cell
 An innocent man in a living hell
 That's the story of the Hurricane
 But it won't be over till they clear his name
 And give him back the time he's done
 Put in a prison cell, but one time he coulda been
 The champion of the world

BLACK DIAMOND BAY

Words by BOB DYLAN and JACQUES LEVY





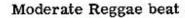
- 2. As the mornin' light breaks open The Greek comes down and he asks for a rope and a Pen that will write "Pardon, Monsieur," the desk clerk says Carefully removes his fez "Am I hearin' you right?" And as the yellow fog is liftin' The Greek is quickly Headin' for the second floor She passes him on the spiral staircase Thinkin' he's the Soviet Ambassador She starts to speak But he walks away As the storm clouds rise and the palm branches sway On Black Diamond Bay.
- 3. A soldier sits beneath the fan Doin' business with a tiny man who Sells him a ring Lightning strikes, the lights blow out The desk clerk wakes and begins to shout "Can you see anything?" Then the Greek appears on the second floor In his bare feet with a Rope around his neck While a loser in the gambling room Lights up a candle, says "Open up another deck" But the dealer says "Attendez-vous, s'il vous plait" As the rain beats down and the cranes fly away From Black Diamond Bay.
- 4. The desk clerk heard the woman laugh
 As he looked around in the aftermath
 And the soldier got tough
 He tried to grab the woman's hand
 Said, "Here's a ring, it cost a grand." She said
 "That ain't enough"
 Then she ran upstairs to pack her bags
 While a horse-drawn taxi
 Waited at the curb
 She passed the door that the Greek had locked
 Where a hand-written sign read
 "Do Not Disturb"
 She knocked upon it anyway
 As the sun went down and the music did play
 On Black Diamond Bay.

- "I've got to talk to someone quick!" But the Greek said, "Go away," and he kicked the Chair to the floor He hung there from the chandelier She cried, "Help, there's danger near, please Open up the door!" Then the volcano erupted And the lava flowed down From the mountain high above The soldier and the tiny man Were crouched in the corner Thinking of forbidden love But the desk clerk said "It happens every day" As the stars fell down and the fields burned away On Black Diamond Bay.
- As the island slowly sank The loser finally broke the bank In the gambling room The dealer said "It's too late now You can take your money But I don't know how you'll Spend it in the tomb" The tiny man bit the soldier's ear As the floor caved in and The boiler in the basement blew While she's out on the balcony Where a stranger tells her "My darling, je vous aime beaucoup" She sheds a tear and then begins to pray As the fire burns on and the smoke drifts away From Black Diamond Bay.
- 7. I was sittin' home alone one night In L. A. watchin' old Cronkite on the Seven o'clock news It seems there was an earthquake that Left nothin' but a Panama hat And a pair of old Greek shoes Didn't seem like much was happenin' So I turned it off and Went to grab another beer Seems like every time you turn around There's another hard luck Story that you're gonna hear And there's really nothin' Anyone can say And I never did plan to go anyway To Black Diamond Bay.

MOZAMBIQUE

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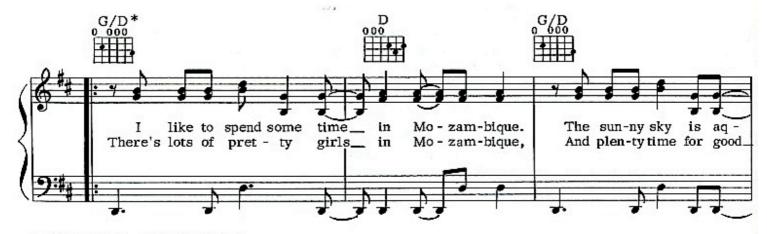
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* Guitarists tune lowest string down to D.





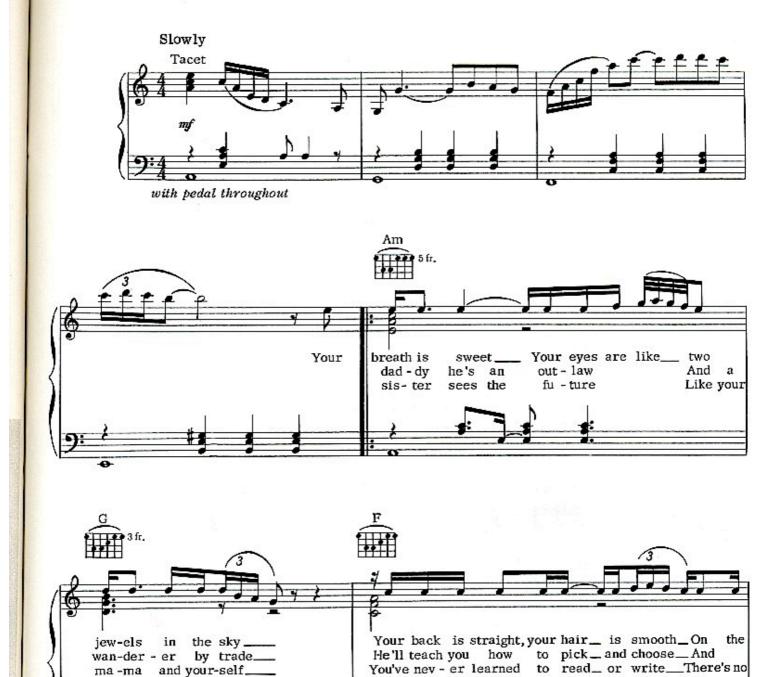




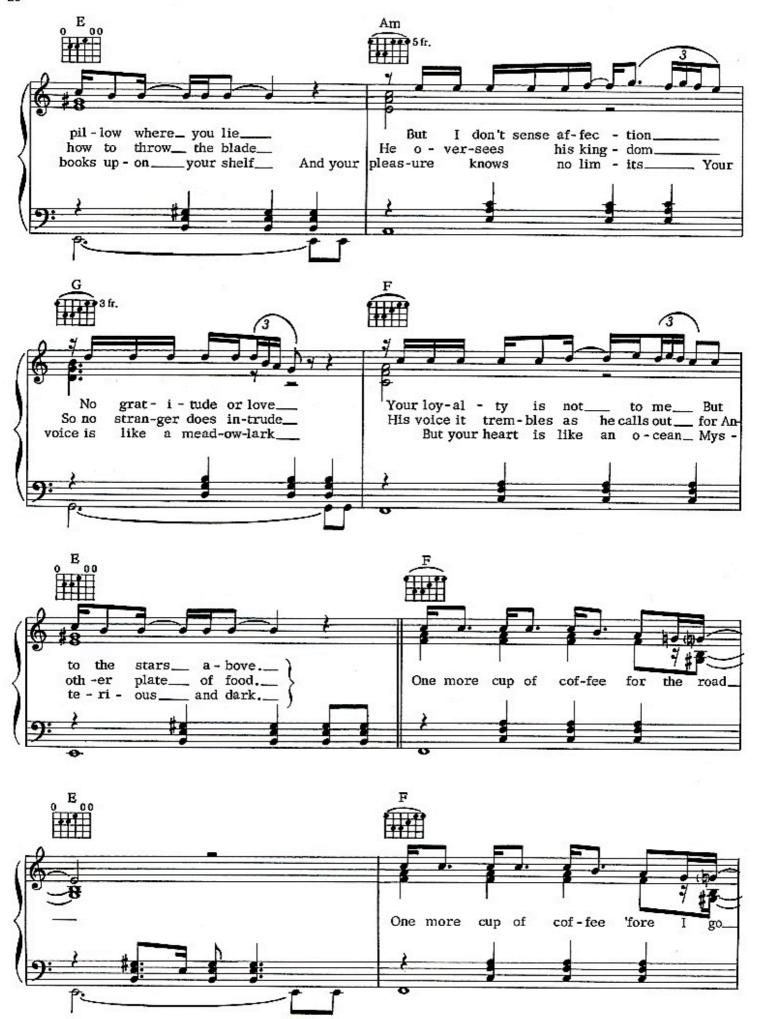
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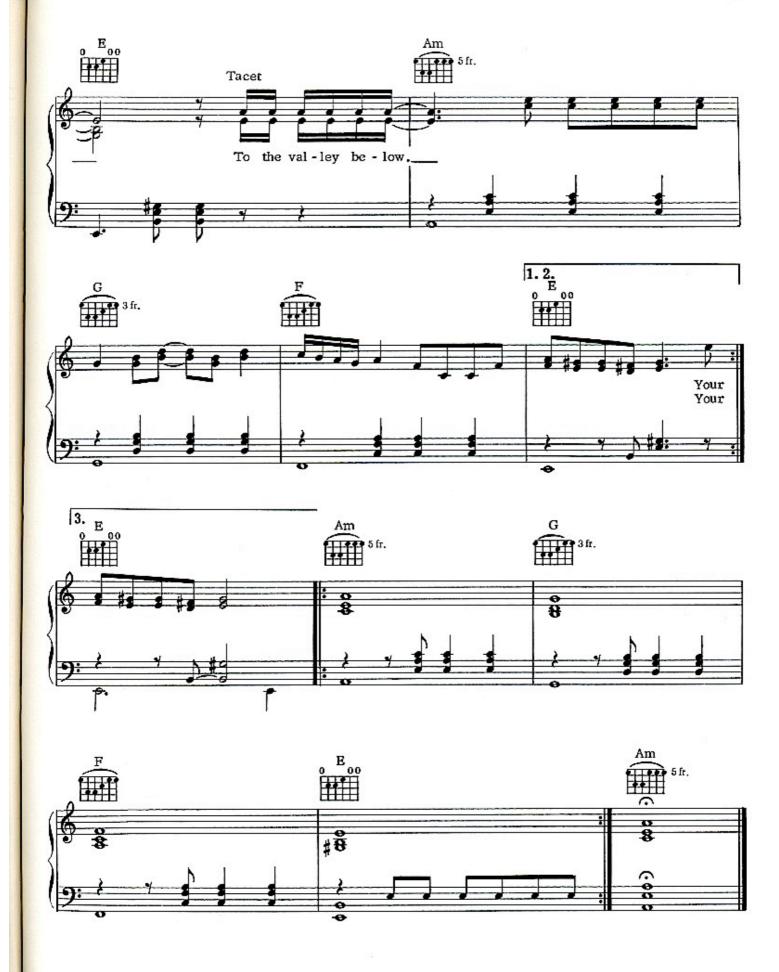
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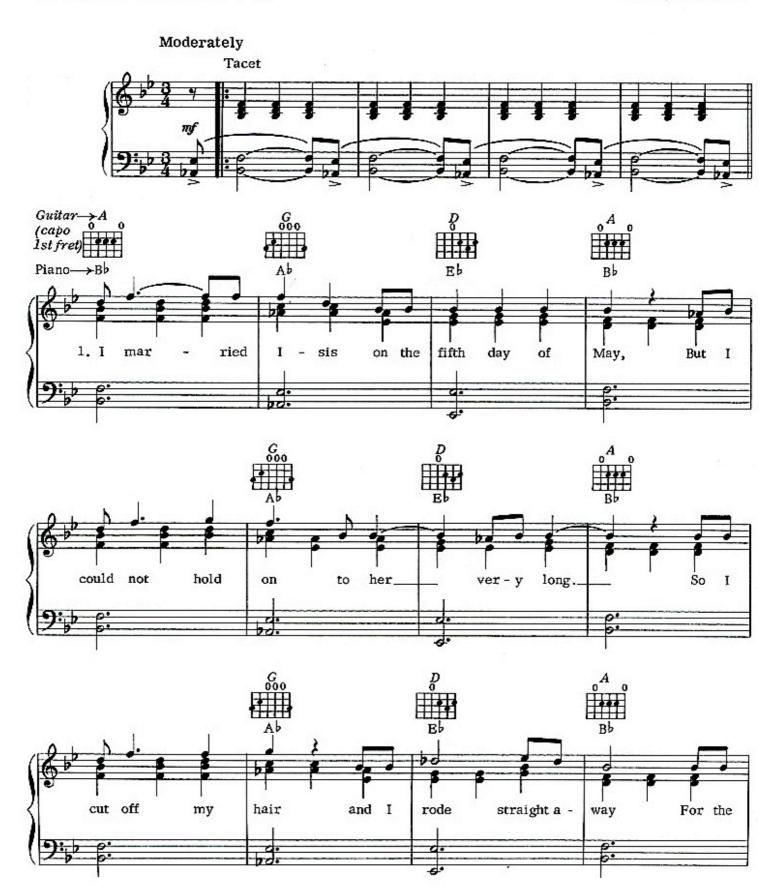
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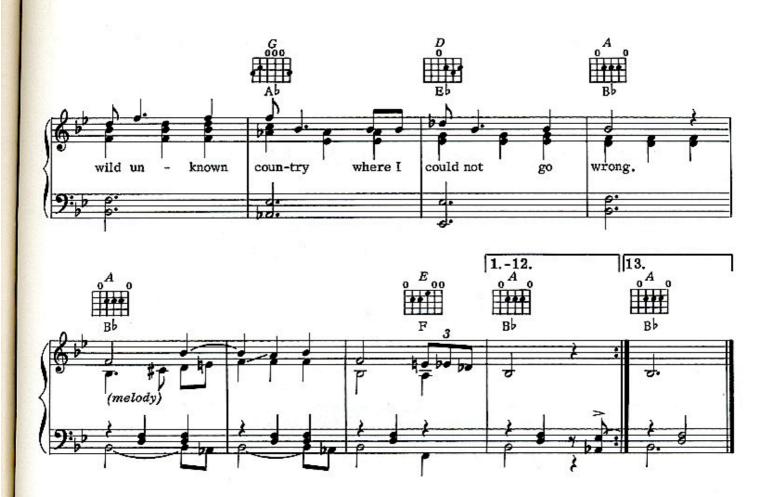




ISIS

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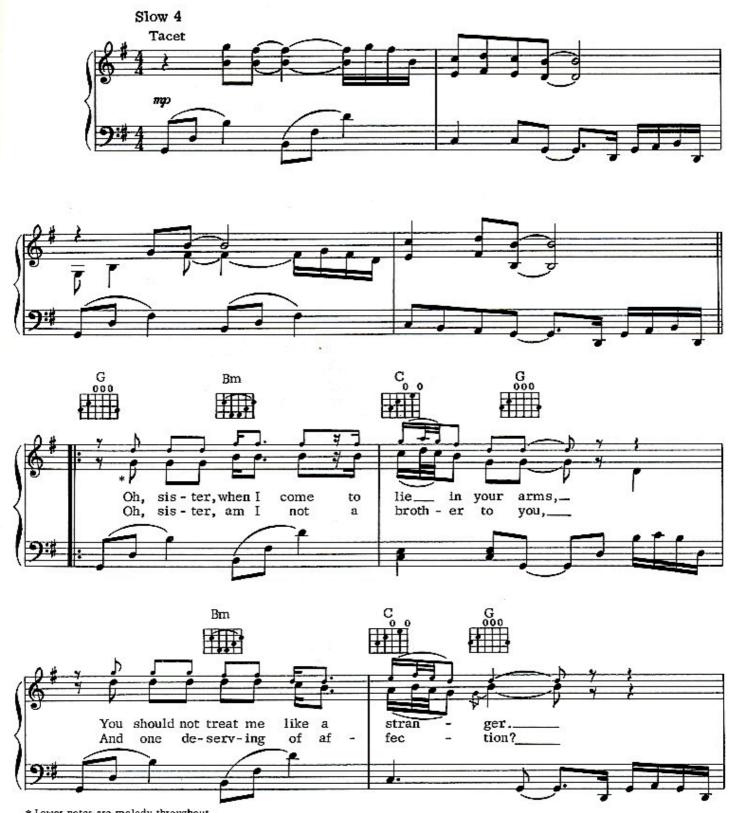


- I came to a high place of darkness and light.
 The dividing line ran through the center of town.
 I hitched up my pony to a post on the right,
 Went into a laundry to wash my clothes down.
- 3. A man in the corner approached me for a match. I knew right away he was not ordinary. He said, "Are you lookin' for somethin' easy to catch?" I said, "I got no money." He said, "That ain't necessary."
- 4. We set out that night for the cold in the North. I gave him my blanket, he gave me his word. I said, "Where are we goin'?" He said we'd be back by the fourth. I said, "That's the best news that I've ever heard."
- 5. I was thinkin' about turquoise, I was thinkin' about gold, I was thinkin' about diamonds and the world's biggest necklace. As we rode through the canyons, through the devilish cold, I was thinkin' about Isis, how she thought I was so reckless.

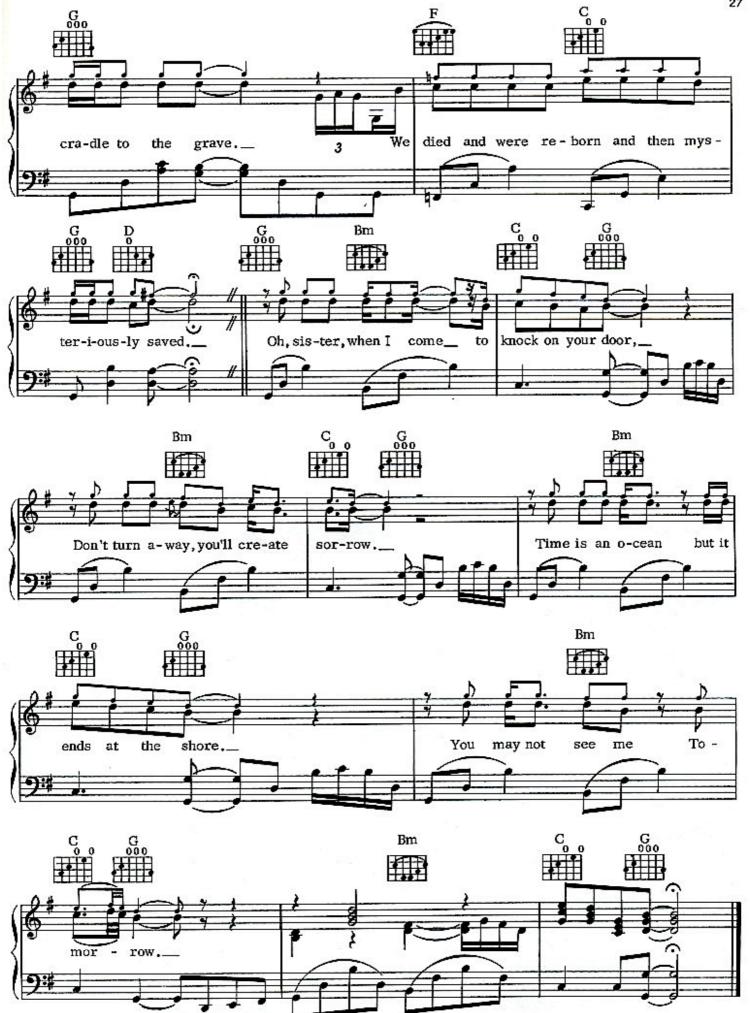
- 7. We came to the pyramids all embedded in ice. He said, "There's a body I'm tryin' to find, If I carry it out it'll bring a good price." "Twas then that I knew what he had on his mind.
- 8. The wind it was howlin' and the snow was outrageous. We chopped through the night and we chopped through the dawn. When he died I was hopin' that it wasn't contagious, But I made up my mind that I had to go on.
- I broke into the tomb, but the casket was empty.
 There was no jewels, no nothin', I felt I'd been had.
 When I saw that my partner was just bein' friendly,
 When I took up his offer I must-a been mad.
- 10. I picked up his body and I dragged him inside, Threw him down in the hole and I put back the cover. I said a quick prayer and I felt satisfied. Then I rode back to find Isis just to tell her I love her.
- 11. She was there in the meadow where the creek used to rise. Blinded by sleep and in need of a bed, I came in from the East with the sun in my eyes. I cursed her one time then I rode on ahead.
- 12. She said, "Where ya been?" I said, "No place special."
 She said, "You look different." I said, "Well, I guess."
 She said, "You been gone." I said, "That's only natural."
 She said, "You gonna stay?" I said, "If ya want me to, yes."
- 13. Isis, oh, Isis, you mystical child. What drives me to you is what drives me insane. I still can remember the way that you smiled On the fifth day of May in the drizzlin' rain.

OH, SISTER

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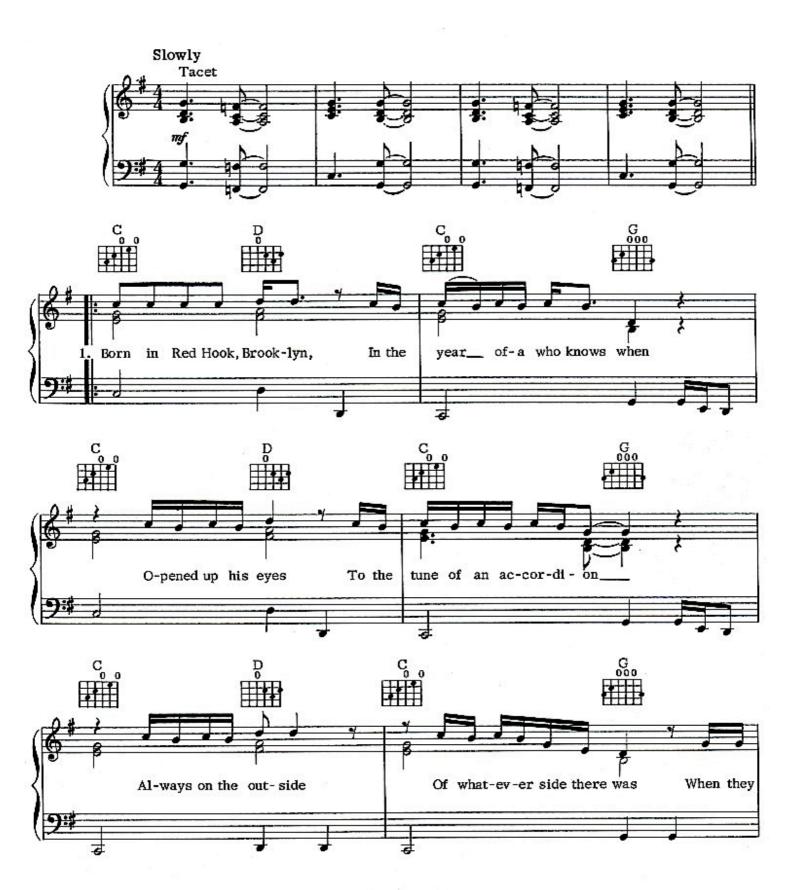




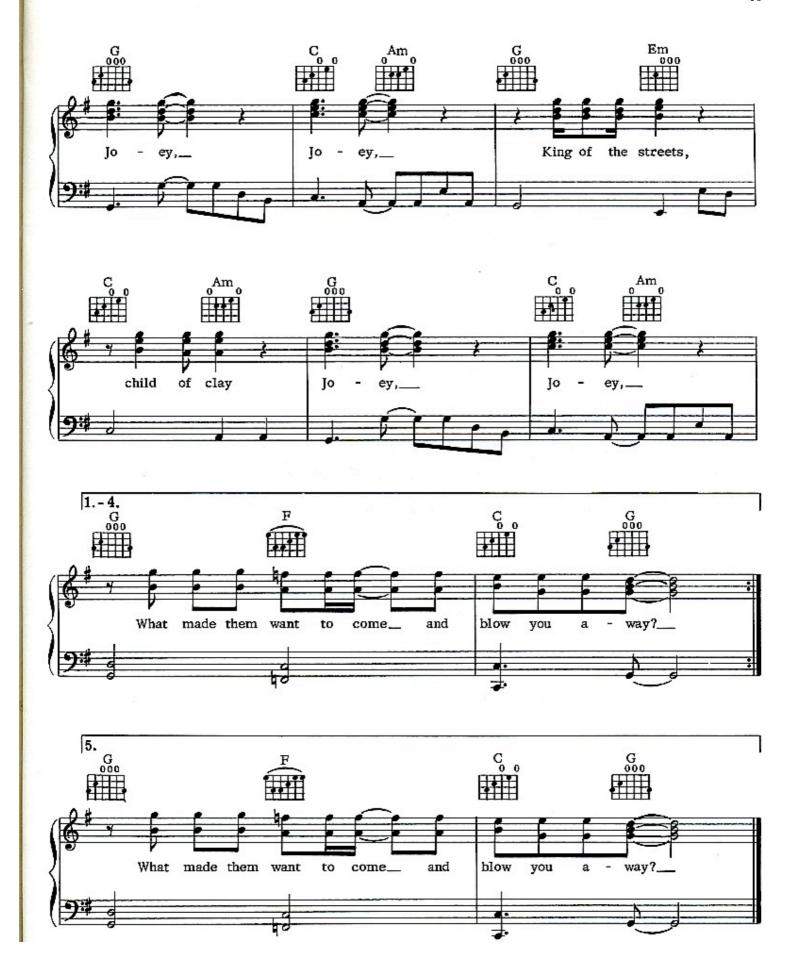


JOEY

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2. There was talk they killed their rivals But the truth was far from that No one ever knew for sure Where they were really at When they tried to strangle Larry Joey almost hit the roof He went out that night to seek revenge Thinkin' he was bullet-proof

The war broke out at the break of dawn
It emptied out the streets
Joey and his brothers
Suffered terrible defeats
Till they ventured out behind the lines
And took five prisoners
They stashed them away in a basement
Called them amateurs

The hostages were tremblin'
When they heard a man exclaim
"Let's blow this place to Kingdom Come
Let Con Edison take the blame"
But Joey stepped up, he raised his hand
Said, "We're not those kind of men
It's peace and quiet that we need
To go back to work again"

Joey, Joey
King of the streets, child of clay
Joey, Joey
What made them want to come and blow you away?

3. The police department hounded him
They called him Mr. Smith
They got him on conspiracy
They were never sure who with
"What time is it?" said the judge
To Joey when they met
"Five to ten," said Joey
The judge says, "That's exactly what you get"

He did ten years in Attica
Reading Nietzsche and Wilhelm Reich
They threw him in the hole one time
For tryin' to stop a strike
His closest friends were black men
'Cause they seemed to understand
What it's like to be in society
With a shackle on your hand

When they let him out in '71
He'd lost a little weight
But he dressed like Jimmy Cagney
And I swear he did look great
He tried to find the way back in
To the life he left behind
To the boss he said, "I have returned
And now I want what's mine"

Joey, Joey
King of the streets, child of clay
Joey, Joey
Why did they have to come and blow you away?

4. It was true that in his later years He would not carry a gun "I'm around too many children," he'd say "They should never know of one" Yet he walked right into the clubhouse Of his life-long deadly foe Emptied out the register Said, "Tell 'em it was Crazy Joe"

One day they blew him down
In a clam bar in New York
He could see it comin' through the door
As he lifted up his fork
He pushed the table over
To protect his family
Then he staggered out into the streets
Of Little Italy

Joey, Joey
King of the streets, child of clay
Joey, Joey
What made them want to come and blow you away?

5. Sister Jacqueline and Carmela
And Mother Mary all did weep
I heard his best friend Frankie say
"He ain't dead, he's just asleep"
Then I saw the old man's limousine
Head back towards the grave
I guess he had to say one last goodbye
To the son that he could not save

The sun turned cold over President Street
And the town of Brooklyn mourned
They said a mass in the old church
Near the house where he was born
And someday if God's in heaven
Overlookin' his preserve
I know the men that shot him down
Will get what they deserve

Joey, Joey
King of the streets, child of clay
Joey, Joey
What made them want to come and blow you away?

ROMANCE IN DURANGO

Words by BOB DYLAN and JACQUES LEVY







Past the Aztec ruins and the ghosts of our people.
 Hoofbeats like castanets on stone.
 At night I dream of bells in the village steeple,
 Then I see the bloody face of Ramon.

Was it me that shot him down in the cantina? Was it my hand that held the gun? Come, let us fly, my Magdalena, The dogs are barking and what's done is done.

No llores, mi querida, Dios nos vigila, Soon the horse will take us to Durango. Agarrame, mi vida, Soon the desert will be gone. Soon you will be dancing the fandango.

At the corrida we'll sit in the shade
 And watch the young torero stand alone.
 We'll drink tequila where our grandfathers stayed
 When they rode with Villa into Toreon.

Then the padre will recite the prayers of old In the little church this side of town. I will wear new boots and an earring of gold. You'll shine with diamonds in your wedding gown.

The way is long but the end is near. Already the fiesta has begun. The face of God will appear With His serpent eyes of obsidian.

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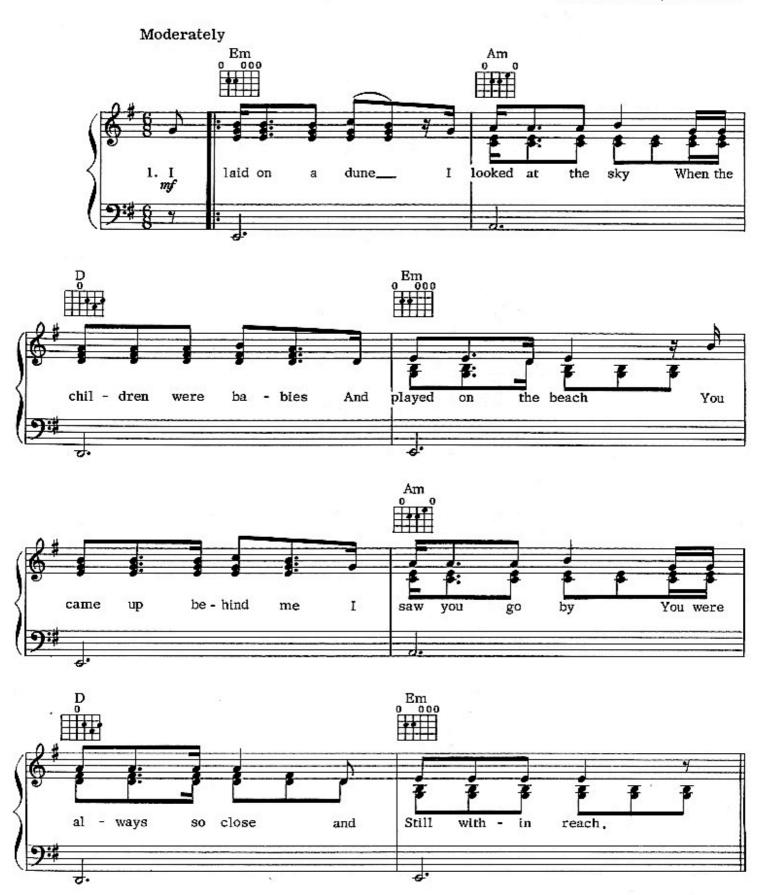
4. Was that the thunder that I heard? My head is vibrating, I feel a sharp pain. Come sit by me, don't say a word. Oh, can it be that I am slain!

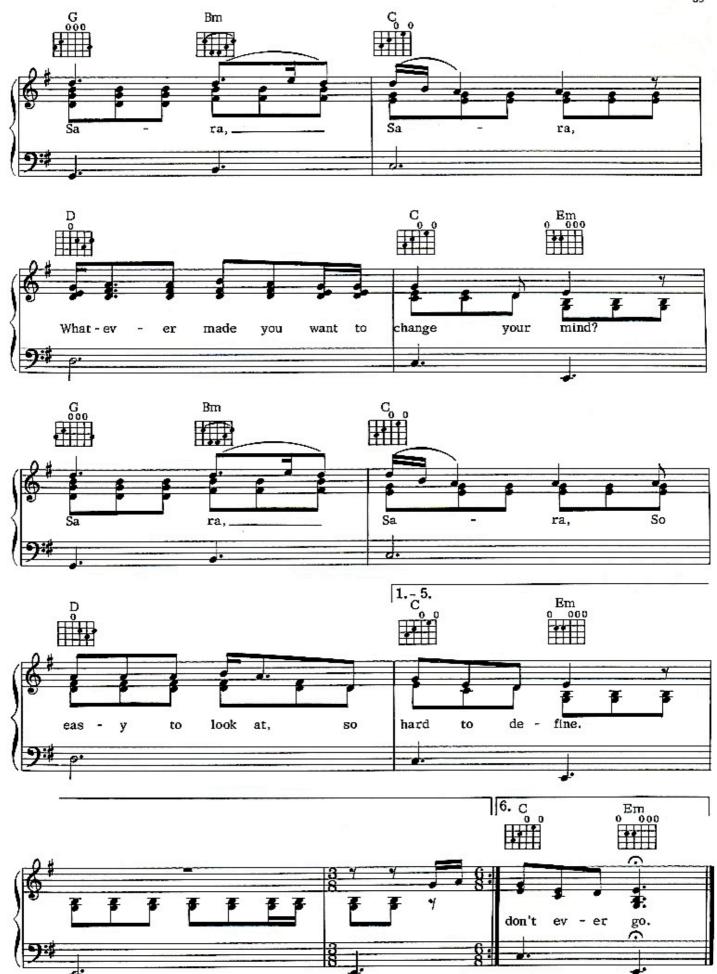
Quick, Magdalena, take my gun. Look, up in the hills, that flash of light! Aim well, my little one, We may not make it through the night.

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SARA

Words and Music by BOB DYLAN





2. I can still see them playin' With their pails in the sand They run to the water Their buckets to fill I can still see the shells Fallin' out of their hands As they follow each other Back up the hill

Sara, Sara Sweet virgin angel, sweet love of my life Sara, Sara Radiant jewel, mystical wife

3. Sleepin' in the woods
By a fire in the night
Drinkin' white rum
In a Portugal bar
Them playin' leap-frog
And hearin' about Snow White
You in the market place
In Savanna-la-Mar

Sara, Sara It's all so clear, I could never forget Sara, Sara Lovin' you is the one thing I'll never regret

4. I can still hear the sounds Of those Methodist bells I'd taken the cure And had just gotten through Stayin' up for days In the Chelsea Hotel Writin' "Sad-Eyed Lady Of the Lowlands" for you

> Sara, Sara Wherever we travel we're never apart Sara, oh Sara Beautiful lady, so dear to my heart

5. How did I meet you
I don't know
A messenger sent me
In a tropical storm
You were there in the winter
Moonlight on the snow
And on Lily Pond Lane
When the weather was warm

Sara, oh Sara Scorpio Sphinx in a calico dress Sara, Sara You must forgive me my unworthiness

6. Now the beach is deserted Except for some kelp And a piece of an old ship That lies on the shore You always responded When I needed your help You gimme a map And a key to your door

Sara, oh Sara Glamorous nymph with an arrow and bow Sara, oh Sara Don't ever leave me, don't ever go





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