Gentle on My Mind

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It's [C] knowing that your [Cmaj7] door is always [C] open

And your [Cmai7] path is free to [Dm] walk

That makes me tend to leave my sleeping bag

Rolled up and [G] stashed behind your [C] couch [Cmaj7] [C] [Cmaj7]

And it's [C] knowing I'm not [Cmaj7] shackled

by for-[C]gotten words and [Cmaj7] bonds

And the [C] ink stains that have [Cmaj7] dried if on some [Dm] line

That keeps you in the back-roads by the rivers of my [G] memory

that keeps you ever [G] gentle on my [C] mind [Cmaj7] [C] [Cmaj7]

It's not [C] clinging to the [Cmaj7] rocks and ivy

[C] Planted on the [Cmai7] columns now that [Dm] binds me

Or something that somebody said

Because they thought we [G] fit together [C] walking [Cmaj7] [C] [Cmaj7]

It's just [C] knowing that the [Cmaj7] world will not be [C] cursing

Or for-[Cmaj7]giving when I [C] walk along some [Cmaj7] railroad track and [[

That you are moving on the back-roads by the rivers of my [G] memory

And for [Dm] hours you're just [G] gentle on my [C] mind [Cmaj7] [C] [Cmaj7] [

[C] Though the wheat fields [Cmaj7] and the clothes [C] lines And the [C] junkyards and the [Cmai7] highways come be-[Dm]tween us And some other woman's cryin' to her mother Cause she [G] turned and I was [C] gone

I [C] still might run in [Cmaj7] silence, tears of [C] joy might stain my face And the [Cmaj7] summer sun might [C] burn me 'til I'm [Dm] blind But not to where I cannot see you walkin' on the [G] backroads By the [Dm] rivers flowing [G] gentle on my [C] mind [Cmaj7] [C] [Cmaj7]

I [C] dip my cup of [Cmaj7] soup back from a [C] gurglin' Cracklin' [Cmaj7] cauldron in [C] some train [Dm] yard My beard a roughening coal [G] pile,

And a [Dm] dirty hat pulled [G] low a-[C]cross my [C] face [Cmaj7] [C] [Cmaj7

Through [C] cupped [Cmaj7] hands 'round the [C] tin can I pretend to [Cmaj7] hold you [C] to my breast and [Dm] find That you're waiting from the backroads by the rivers of my [G] memories Ever [Dm] smilin' ever [G] gentle on my mind [C]