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Back on the Train

Phish

- V1** When I jumped off, I had a bucket full of thoughts
When I first jumped off, I held that bucket in my hand
Ideas that would take me all around the world
I stood and watched the smoke behind the mountain curl
It took me a long time to get back on the train
- V2** Now I'm gone and I'll never look back again
I'm gone and I'll never look back at all
You know I'll never look back again
I turn my face into the howlin' wind
It took me a long time to get back on the train
- V3** See my face in the town that's flashing by
See me standing at the station in the rain
See me standing there beside the car
I left it all behind, again I'll travel far
It took me a long time to get back on the train
- V4** When I jumped off, I had a bucket full of thoughts
When I first jumped off, I held that bucket in my hand
Ideas that would take me all around the world
I stood and watched the smoke behind the mountains curl
It took me a long time to get back on the train
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Notes Tab (<https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Back%20on%20the%20Train.txt>)
8/29/2021 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJAZLawDkJg>)

Backwards Down the Number Line

Phish

V1 Happy happy oh my friend, Blow out candles once again
Leave the presents all inside, Take my hand and let's take a ride
Backwards down the number line
You were eight and I was nine. Do you know what happened then?
Do you know why we're still friends? Laughing all these many years
We pushed through hardships tasted tears, Made a promise one to keep
I can still recite it in my sleep
Every time a birthday comes, Call your friend and sing a song
Or whisper it into his ear, Or write it down, just don't miss a year

Chorus You decide what it contains, How long it goes but this remains
The only rule is it begins, Happy happy oh my friend
And all my friends come backwards down the number line (x3)

Bridge Em D C Em D C

V2 And when I see you coming down the line with eyes wide open
Somewhere in between the past and future, where you drift in time
You can see a different point of view

Outro Repeat Chorus 2x
Jam -> Repeat Chorus

Notes Emil's tab (<https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Backwards%20Down%20the%20Number%20Line.txt>)
Studio (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8idTKePHkc>)

Blaze On

Phish

V1 Climb that hill, stay on your feet
Scramble for your footing when it gets too steep
You're on the highway now with higher hopes
While all around are rolling eggs with living yokes
You never get too sad, you never get too blue
It must be all the chemtrails raining down on you
The justice of the peace can't help you anymore
And they just took the covers off the justice of war

Chorus You got your nice shades on, and the worst days are gone,
So now the band plays on, you've got one life, blaze on!
You got your nice shades on, and the worst days are gone
So now the band plays on, you've got one life, blaze on!

Leo! | F C G C | F C G C |

V2 The storm is passing through, lay down your sticks and stones
The struggle's over now, we're all just flesh and bones
We were wrong before, it was wrong to trust
The shadows cast were only light and dust
And then one day you'll find to your intense delight
That 3 wrong turns can really make a right
So why not be like me? Be proud of all your crimes
Cause when i screw up once, I do it 2 more times

Chorus

V3 And we'll be dancing in the fields, running through the moor,
Tripping on the barbed wire, buried near the shore.
Blazing like a comet brighter than the full moon.
So you better get ready, cause a change is coming soon,
I met a liar, called the messiah, I got the frying pan, I wanted fire,
I saw a red dress, I met a daughter, I got the quicksand, I prayed for water.

Chorus

Jam Bb -> C riff into jam in C.

Outro Bb -> C riff and "Blaze On" repeated.

Notes 7/29/17 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFdgMrDrXbl>)

Bug Phish

- Intro** Drummer count in.
| G F C G | G F C G |
- V1** There've been times that I've wondered, and times that I don't.
Concepts I'll ponder, and concepts I won't ever see
God is not one of these, former or latter
Which did you think I meant? It doesn't matter to me.
- Bridge:1** Instrumental: | G F C G | G F C G |
Ends in F to start chorus.
- Chorus** Bug, Don't need it. Bug, Don't feed it. Bug, Thoughts faded. Overrated
- V2** Gold in my hand in a country pool
Standing and waving, the rain, wind on the runway
Spending or saving, credit or death
Which did you think I meant? Nothing I see can be taken from me.
- Bridge:1*
- Chorus*
- Bridge:2** It doesn't matter x 4
- Jam** Jam in G
- Outro** Bridge:2, four times, to end.
- Notes** 6/4/2022 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmdKUyWLd8s>)

Dirt Phish

Intro	"Washed... a... shore" "Shout your name into the wind" Whistling
V1	I'd like to live beneath the dirt. A tiny space to move and breathe is all that I would ever need I want live beneath the dirt Where I am free from push and shove like all those swarming up above Beneath your heels I'll spend my time
Chorus	(shout your name into the wind) I'll wiggle in the earth and dew (shout your name into the wind) and sometimes I will think of you (shout your name into the wind) And if you ever think of me Kneel down and kiss the earth and show me what this thought is worth I'll never hear your voice again
Instrumental	1. Guitar solo through changes. 2. Bass solo through changes. 3. Keys solo through changes. 4. Jam
Notes	Magnaball (August,2015) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfkD4HOhtPY)

Everything's Right

Phish

V1	Time to get out, I paid my dues, I need to shout, there's no time to lose No more to give, the well is dry, the pavement's warm, my brain is fried It's time to get out, I paid my dues
V2	My shoes have holes, my socks are bare, the mirror's secret is I'm losing my hair I'm in prison without a crime, the sentence stretches out undefined It's time to get out, I paid my dues, I paid my dues
Chorus	Everything's right, so just hold tight, Everything's right, so just hold tight, Everything's right, so just hold tight : X2
V2	Going downhill with increasing speed, compassion gives way if you listen to greed Focus on the past and that's what will last, Nothing that is real and nothing you can feel Focus on tomorrow you'll have to borrow, images and mind and thoughts you left behind Focus on today, you'll find a way, happiness is how rooting in the now <i>Chorus</i>
V3	Look into the eyes of everyone you meet, try not to step on your best friend's feet The line is in the sand, the flag is planted, the rest of your life don't take it for granted <i>Chorus</i>
V4	This world, this world, this crazy world I know It turns, it turns, and the long night's over and the sun's coming up
Instrumental	Solo over changes.
Bridge	(acapella) This world, this world (x2) (full band) Na, Na, Na, Na, Yeah... (x4)
Jam	Solo over A
Outro	Back to: Na, Na, Na... Yeah (It's gonna be all right)
Notes	Vocals: Philip. Phish plays this in B. Easier to sing in A. 11/9/22 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK4oldKYkiY)

Funky Bitch

Phish/Son Seals

- V1** Every time I see her, she got new fancy clothes
Every time I see her, she got new fancy clothes
She took up all my money
And threw poor me out the door
- V2** Lord now standing there, ain't got nowhere to go
Lord now standing there, ain't got nowhere to go
I've been down in bad condition now boy
cause I'm alone down here
- V3** Lord now standing there, ain't got nowhere to go
Lord now standing there, ain't got nowhere to go
I've been down in bad condition now boy
cause I'm alone down here
- V4** Every time I see her, she's gotten all the boys in town
Every time I see her, she's gotten all the boys in town
Till she took up all our money
Sure gonna put her down

Notes Tabs (<https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Funky%20Bitch.txt>)
12/29/11 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DK7JOs4v2T0>)

If I Could Phish

- V1** Take me to another place she said,
Take me to another time
Run with me across the oceans,
Float me on a silver cloud
- Chorus** If I could I would, but I don't know how,
If I could I would, but I don't know how
If I could I would, and I'd take you now
- Interlude** G9 arpeggio
- V2** Stay with me till time turns over
I wanna feel my feet leave the ground
Take me where the whispering breezes can
Lift me up and spin me around
- Chorus*
- V3** Hear you laughing as we go (i'd take you now)
Flipping backwards through the doors and through the windows (i'd take you
now)
I'm melting into nothing
- Chorus 2x*
- Notes** December (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thmTiP_K5ZU)
Live from here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFNqci1sFIQ>)

**Joy
Phish**

V1 Joy is over there in her incredible clothes
She has silver silk shimmering down to her toes
I was doing the best that I can I suppose
But that little girl dancer eventually grows
Well she grows

V2 You can't imagine all the times that I've tried
To uncover the source of the tears that you cried
Let's throw it away and just go for a ride
And you'd say okay but you'd keep it inside
And I tried, I tried, I tried, I tried

Chorus We want you to be happy, don't live inside the gloom
We want you to be happy, come step outside your room
We want you to be happy, cause this is your song too

V3 I never thought I could have it so good,
You were the song that my soul understood
But time is a river that flows through the woods
And it led us to places we both understood
Would be gone before too long, would be gone before too long

V4 When we were young we thought life was a game
But then somebody leaves you and you're never the same
All of the places that people belong
To the puzzle but one of the pieces is gone
And it's you, it's you, it's you, Joy it's you
Chorus

V5 In time we'll weather this storm
Inside together you'll see the change
When the sun shines through
Chorus

Notes December (https://youtu.be/thmTiP_K5ZU?t=1060)
10/15/10 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhjWworf7tl>)

Miss You

Phish

Intro |: F# / E B :|

V1 You're smiling at me, from your picture frame,
and I miss you
My life keeps on changing, but you stay the same,
and I miss you
So many moments, that we should have shared,
I miss you
And the days turn to years, and it hasn't stopped yet
The memories we shared, I will never forget
No I will never forget

V2 There's a hole in my heart, that'll never be filled, I miss you
This all should get easier, but it never will, I miss you
I float through the days, and the long lonely nights, I miss you
And I hear your footsteps, you're coming down the stairs
Lost in your laughter, the sun in your hair
A brief recollection, the light in your eyes,
I see the reflection, but it passes by
It passes me by

Solo (solo over bridge chords)
B B A E

V3 You're smiling at me, from your picture frame, I miss you
Every morning I wake up, and I whisper your name, I miss you
You're in faces of people, I see on the street
You're everywhere (x3)

Outro F# F# E B

Notes December (https://youtu.be/thmTiP_K5ZU?t=1369)

More Phish

- V1** Life in slow motion, feet are in the clay
I'm going nowhere, been standing here all day
I had a notion, there was something more to do
As I watched the water, from the banks of the river it swelled and grew
And I tilt to the left, lean to the right, tilt to the left and lean to the right
Walked on coal and slept on glass, amid swords of sound and daggers of light
And my heart is screaming,
cause half of what I say is lies, and it takes so much to keep up this disguise
It takes so much to keep up this disguise
- V2** I see a doorway in the haze and I'm trying to get to it
The stars are peepholes in a wall but we can walk through it
The memory is still so real, the memory's still so real
I guess it's never really over even when it's over
- Chorus** But I'm vibrating with love and light, pulsating with love and light
in a world gone mad, a world gone mad, there must be something more than this
I'm vibrating with love and light, pulsating with love and light
in a world gone mad, a world gone mad, there must be something more than this
- V3** The trumpet call is sounding, the trees are bending low
There's a great fire in the distance, there must be something more than this
And our shadows will all be dancing, with red dust on our clothes
And we'll leave by tornado, elbows in the clouds and feet in the sky
- Chorus
- V4** Ohhhh ohhhh ohhhh, woah ohhh ohh ohh ohhh ohhh
Ohhhh ohhhh ohhhh, woah ohhh ohh ohh ohhh ohhh
- Jam
- Chorus

Mountains in the Mist

Phish

- V1** Several times unconsciously I've stumbled on the path
And seen a mountain in the mist
As rain falls on my shoulders, sun rises in the east
I'm worn and bruised, but I am here at least
- V2** I guess I'm just an obstacle a thing to overcome
If I can sneak around myself again I'll know I've won
The moment seems to hang and float before me with no end
til I'm released, awakened beast, I'm on the road again
- Chorus** But now I'm soaring far too high
A fleck of dust up in the sky where
tiny clouds go sailing by
Pull me down today
- V3** Woven in the fairy tales we fabricate each day
Are little golden strands of truth that glimmer in the light
The colorful material you hold a certain way
Can keep us from the cold and help to get us through the night
Chorus

Notes December (https://youtu.be/thmTiP_K5ZU?t=329)
10/28/14 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPHQFvZDTUY>)

Possum

Phish

V1 I come from atop the mountain baby where the people come to pray
I come from atop the mountain baby where the people come to pray
There ain't no truth in action 'less you believe it anyway

V2 I was riding down the road one day and someone hit a possum
I was riding down the road one day and someone hit a possum
The road was his end, his end was the road, so they say

Chorus Whoa possum, possum, possum... POSSUM.
Whoa possum, possum, possum... POSSUM.
Whoa possum, your end is the road

Notes 12/04/09 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz31jYsrLm4>)

Waste Phish

Chords | D Dmaj7 D7 | G Gm D |

V1 Don't want to be an actor, pretending on the stage
Don't want to be a writer, with my thoughts out on the page
Don't want to be a painter, 'cause everyone comes to look
Don't want to be anything where my life's an open book
A dream, it's true, but I'd see it through.
If I could be (if I could be) wasting my time with you.

V2 Don't want to be a farmer, working in the sun,
Don't want to be an outlaw, always on the run,
Don't want to be a climber, reaching for the top,
Don't want to be anything where I don't know when to stop.
A dream, it's true but I'd see it through.
If I could be (if I could be) wasting my time with you.

Bridge So if I'm inside your head,
don't believe what you might have read,
You'll see what I might have said, to hear it
Come waste your time with me (x4)

V4 (Repeat bridge)

Notes Emil's tab (<https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Waste.txt>)

Wolfman's Brother

Phish

Intro | Bb / Gm Ab |

V1 It was many years ago now
I really can't be sure
Cause when it all began then
I heard that knock upon my door.
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother
Comin' down on me.

V2 The telephone was ringing
That's when I handed it to Liz
She said, "This isn't who it would be
If it wasn't who it is"
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother
Comin' down on me.

V3 So I might be on a side street
Or a stairway to the stars
I hear the high pitched cavitation
Of propellers from afar
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother
Comin' down on me.

Bridge So in meaningless excitement.
through the total sound.
It's like a cross between a hurricane.
It's like a ship that's running ground
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother
Comin' down on...comin' down on me.

Notes Emil's tab (<https://www.emilstabs.org/tabs/Wolfman's%20Brother.txt>)
Studio (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wjc9AslbcY>)
7/3/13 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARufTkR9BpU>)

Wingsuit

Phish

- V1** Steal away, let's steal a car
You'll never win a major only shooting par
Step outside, feel the sun
It's only you, be you, cause you're the only one
- Pre-chorus** And it feels good, cause it feels good
And it feels good.
- V2** Nothing lasts, nothing stays
Caught in this procession of unchanging days
What's new is old, what's old is gone
You're pushed up to the edge so put your wingsuit on
And it feels good, cause it feels good
And it feels good.
- Chorus** And gliding away you fly where you choose
There's nothing to say and nothing to lose
- V4** Steal away, paint the sky
Put your wingsuit on, put your wingsuit on,
And gliding away you fly where you choose
There's nothing to say and nothing to lose
- Instrumental** Descending line: Bb A G F F E E (x4)
Ascending line: Gm Am Bb Dm E F Bm Am (x2)
Fourth time: Gm Am Bb -> "Time to put your wingsuit on"
- Outro** Gm Am Bb C (x3)
Gm Am Bb
- Notes** December (https://youtu.be/thmTiP_K5ZU?t=673)