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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>)

# Big River

## Grateful Dead

**Chorus** Well I taught that weeping willow how to cry cry cry,  
Taught the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky.  
Tears I cried for that woman are gonna flood you big river,  
And I'm a gonna sit right here until I die.

**V1** I met her accidentally in St. Paul, Minnesota,  
She tore me up every time I heard her drawl that southern drawl.  
Well I heard my dream went back downstream, cavortin' in Davenport,  
And I followed you big river when you called.

*Chorus*

**V2** Well I followed her down to St. Lou, later on down the river,  
Trader said she's been here, but she's gone, boy, she's gone.  
Well I followed her down to Memphis, but she just walked off the bus,  
She raised a few eyebrows and she went on down alone.

*Chorus*

**V3** Well I've gotten on down to Baton Rouge, River Queen roll on,  
Take that woman down to New Orleans, New Orleans.  
I give up, I've had enough, followed my blues on down to the gulf,  
She loves you big river more than me.

*Chorus*

**Notes** 12/31/78 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1Ili1K9Nb4>)

# 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>)

# China Cat Sunflower

## Grateful Dead

- V1** Look for a while at the China Cat sunflower,  
Proud walking jingle in the midnight sun.  
Copperdome bodhi drip a silver kimono,  
Like a crazy quilt stargown through a dream night wind.
- V2** Crazy cat peekin' through a lace bandanna,  
Like a one-eyed Cheshire, like a diamond-eye jack.  
A leaf of all colors plays a golden-string fiddle,  
To a double-E waterfall over my back.
- V3** Comic book colors on a violin river  
Cryin' Leonardo, Words from out a silk trombone.  
I rang a silent bell, beneath a shower of pearls,  
In the eagle-winged palace of the Queen Chinee.

**Notes** Vocals: Justin  
10/17/74 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvPe4CEkSbE>)

# I Know You Rider

## Grateful Dead

**Chorus** I know you, rider, gonna miss me when I'm gone  
I know you, rider, gonna miss me when I'm gone  
Gonna miss your baby, from rolling in your arms.

**V1 (MV)** Laid down last night, Lord, I could not take my rest  
Laid down last night, Lord, I could not take my rest  
My mind was wandering like the wild geese in the West.  
*Chorus*

**Lead** Matt

**V2 (PJ)** The Sun will shine in my back door someday.  
The Sun will shine in my back door someday.  
March winds will blow all my troubles away.

**V3 (JM)** I wish I was a headlight, on a North bound train  
I wish I was a headlight, on a North bound train  
I'd shine my light through cool Colorado rain.  
*Chorus*

**Lead** Justin

**Outro** Chorus: acapella  
Big Finish: F C F C Em D

**Notes** 10/17/74 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvPe4CEkSbE>)

# 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 ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK4oldKYkiY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK4oldKYkiY</a> )

# Franklin's Tower

## Grateful Dead

**Intro** ||: A G/D G/A :||

**V1** In another time's forgotten space  
Your eyes looked from your mother's face  
Wildflower seed on the sand and stone  
May the four winds blow you safely home  
Roll away the dew (4x)

**V2** I'll tell you where the four winds dwell  
In Franklin's tower there hangs a bell  
It can ring, turn night to day  
It can ring like fire when you lose your way  
Roll away the dew (4x)

**V3** God save the child that rings that bell  
It may have one good ring baby, you can't tell  
One watch by night, one watch by day.  
If you get confused listen to the music play

**Lead** rip it

**V4** Some come to laugh their past away  
Some come to make it just one more day  
Whichever way your pleasure tends  
If you plant ice you're gonna harvest the wind.  
Roll away the dew (4x)

**V5** In Franklin's tower the four winds sleep  
Like four lean hounds, the lighthouse keep  
Wildflower seed on the sand and wind  
May the four winds blow you home again  
Roll away the dew (8-12x)

**Outro** A C B->A

**Notes** 5/9/77 ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_0pdFViRNu8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0pdFViRNu8))  
10/31/80 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcR209mYel8>)



# **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>)

**Just One More**  
**California Honeydrops**

**V1**     See that full moon a rising  
          See those fireflies all aglow  
          The summer is young the night is callin'  
          But daylight come and I'll be gone

**Chorus** So just one kiss from you girl  
          Just one more before I go  
          One more dance out on the dance floor  
          Just one more before I go

**V2**     Hear that lonesome whistle blowin  
          Hear those birds begin their songs  
          Soon a new day will be dawnin'  
          But I'll be on my way and gone

**V3**     Yeah, ohhh it feels so good now baby  
          Rockin in your lovin arms  
          I wish I could stay right here with you girl  
          But daylight comes and I'll be gone

**Notes**   Official Video ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5SxZGbU\\_tU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5SxZGbU_tU))  
          3/27/2021 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huUgl8d03O4>)

# **Meet de Boys on the Battlefront**

## **Wild Tchoupitoulas**

**Chorus** Meet de boys on the Battlefront  
Meet de boys on the Battlefront  
Meet de boys on the Battlefront  
Yeah, the Wild Tchoupitoulas gonna stomp some rump!

**V1** Oh the prettiest little thing that I ever seen  
Mardi gras Injuns down in New Orleans  
Sewed all night and they sewed all day;  
Mardi Gras mornin' went all the way

**V2** Injuns comin' from all over town  
Big Chief singin', gonna take 'em down  
A Jackimo feeno, hey-la-hey  
Injuns are rulers on the holiday

**V3** Mardi Gras morning won't be long  
Gonna play Injuns, gonna carry on  
Maskers runnin' up and down the avenue  
Here come the Injuns, let 'em through

**V4** I'm an Injun ruler from the thirteenth wad  
A big Chief Kahuna and I won't be bought  
I walked through fire and I swam through mud  
Snatched the features from an eagle, drank panther blood

**V5** Got an itty bitty spy, got a heart of steel  
If his shank won't get you, his hatchet will  
Gedde may hocko m'yoo na no  
He shoot the gun in the jailhouse door

**V6** I'll bring my gang all over town  
Drink firewater til the sun goes down  
We get back home, we're gonna kneel and pray  
We had some fun on the holiday

**Notes** Album (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n643nLCbMoE>)  
2/17/23 (Dumpstaphunk) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQU53AVjnc0>)

# Midnight Moonlight

Peter Rowan

**Chorus** If you ever feel lonesome, And your down in San Antone  
Beg steal or borrow two nickles or a dime and call me on the phone  
And I'll meet you at Alamo mission where we can say our prayers  
The Holy Ghost and the Virgin mother will heal us  
As we kneel there

**Chorus** In the moonlight in the midnight  
In the moonlight midnight moonlight  
In the moonlight in the midnight  
In the moonlight midnight moonlight

*Chorus*

**V2** If you ever feel sorrow for things you have done  
With no hope for tomorrow  
In the setting of the sun  
And the ocean is howling with things that might have been  
That last good morning sunrise  
Will be the brightest you've ever seen

*Chorus*

**Jam** Bb G

**Notes** 3/1/80 JGB (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dnibCQtdFE>)

# Only Home I've Ever Known

## California Honeydrops

**Intro** | \*C \*D - | C F | C C#dim Am | Am G7 | C

**V1** Upon this third stone from the sun  
The only home I know  
Where love abounds in skies and sounds  
And tastes too sweet to tell

**V2** The night sky's got me wonderin'  
Of worlds I cannot see  
And the whisper of the evenin' breeze  
Elsewhere is callin' me

**V3** I hear, in a song,  
Loved ones gone on  
One's I hope I'll see again  
Someday, oh

**V4** Until my final days  
In longing I will roam  
Upon this third stone from the sun  
The only home I've ever known

Instrumental

Repeat V3 and V4

**Notes** Video (original in Eb) ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_dPvC8Ln8z8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_dPvC8Ln8z8))  
Video (transposed to C) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7uqFD08P7c>)

## **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>)

# 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>)  
7/3/13 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARufTkR9BpU>)