

## Wharf Rat

**Verse 1** | A<sup>sus2</sup> /// | % | Em /// | A<sup>sus2</sup> /// | % | % | % | Em /// | A<sup>sus2</sup> /// | % |  
**Old man down**, way down down, down by the docks of the city.  
Blind and dirty, asked me for a dime, a dime for a cup of coffee.

| Em / D / | A<sup>sus2</sup> /// | % |  
I got no dime but I got some time to hear his story.

**Verse 2** **My name is August West**, and I love my Pearly Baker best more than my  
wine  
More than my wine, more than my maker, though he's no friend of mine.

**Verse 3** **Everyone said**, I'd come to no good, I knew I would Pearly, believe them.  
Half of my life, I spent doin' time for some other fucker's crime,  
| Em / D / | <sup>2</sup>/<sub>4</sub> A / | <sup>6</sup>/<sub>8</sub> A / | D / | A / |  
The other half found me stumbling 'round drunk on Burgundy wine.

**Break** <sup>6</sup>/<sub>8</sub> | G / | D / | G / | D / | A / | D / | G / | D / |  
But I'll get back on my feet again someday,  
| C / | G / | C / | G / | % | D / | D<sup>sus4</sup> / | D / | D / |  
The good Lord willin', if He says I may.  
| A<sup>sus4</sup> / | % | A / | % | Em / | % |  
I know that the life I'm livin's no good,  
| A / | A<sup>sus4</sup> / | A / | A<sup>sus2</sup> / | A / | A<sup>7</sup> / |  
I'll get a new start, live the life I should.

**Riff** <sup>4</sup>/<sub>4</sub> | Em /// | % | % | % |  
| Em /// | % | % | A<sup>sus2</sup> /// | % | % | % |  
I'll get up and fly away, I'll get up and fly away, fly away.

**Verse 4** **Pearly's been true**, true to me, true to my dyin' day he said,  
I said to him, I said to him, "I'm sure she's been true to me."  
I said to him, "I'm sure she's been true to me."

**Jam in A**

**Verse 5** **Got up and wandered**, wandered downtown,  
Nowhere to go but just hang around.  
I've got a girl, named Bonnie Lee, I know that girl's been true to me.  
I know she's been, I'm sure she's been true to me.

**Jam in A**