

THE WIDTH OF A CIRCLE

In a corner of the morning in the past,
I would sit and blame the master first and last.
All the roads were straight and narrow
And the prayers were small and yellow,
And the rumour spread that I was ageing fast.
Then I ran across a monster who was sleeping by a tree,
And I looked and frowned and the monster was me.

Well I said hello and I said hello,
And I asked 'Why not?' and I replied 'I don't know'.
So we asked a simple blackbird, who was happy as can be.
And he laughed insane and quipped 'Kahlil Gibran',
So I cried for all the others till the day was nearly through,
For I realised that God's a young man too.

So I said 'So long', and I waved 'Bye-bye'
And I smashed my soul and traded my mind.
Got layed by a young bordello,
I was vaguely half asleep
For which my reputation swept back home in a drag

And the moral of this magic spell negotiate my hide,
When God did take my logic for a ride.

He swallowed his pride and puckered his lips
And showed me the leather belt round his hips.
My knees were shaking, my cheeks aflame,
He said 'You'll never go down to the Gods again'.
(Turn around, go back!)

He struck the ground, a cavern appeared
And I smelt the burning pit of fear.
We crashed a thousand yards below,
I said 'Do it again, do it again'.
(Turn around, go back!)

His nebulous body swayed above,
His tongue swollen with devil's love.
The snake and I, a venom high,
I said 'Do it again, do it again'.
(Turn around, go back!)

Breathe, breathe, breathe deeply,
And I was seething, breathing deeply.
A spitting sentry, horned and tailed,
Waiting for you.

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Words & Music by
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(♩ = 92)
[E]

Voice

Backing Vocals

Electric Guitar

Electric Guitar Tablature

Acoustic Guitar (12-string)

Acoustic Guitar Tablature

Banjo

Bass

Bass Tablature

Timpani

Drums

0:16

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Dr.

Elec. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

8va

0:38

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Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

(8va)

0:38

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Vx. - - - - In a

Elec. Gtr. reverse reverb. off

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

[A] **[E]** **[A]**

Vx. cor-ner of the morn - ing in the past, - I would sit and blame the mas - ter first and last.
said 'So long', and I waved 'Bye' - bye' and I smashed my soul and I tra-ded my mind.

0:53
3:02

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

[E] G A G A

Vx. All the roads were straight and nar - row____ and the prayers____ were small and yel - low, and the ru -
Got layed by a young bor - del-lo,____ I was vague - ly half a - sleep, for which my

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

1:13
3:23

G G^{5sus4} [E] A C^{5m}

Vx. - mour spread that I was age - ing fast.
re - pu - ta - tion swept back home in a drag. Then I ran a - cross a mon - ster who was
And the mo - ral of this ma - gic spell ne -

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Vx. *F#m* D Dm/F F#sus4 A

sleep-ing by _ a tree, _ and I looked and frowned and the mon-ster was me.
 - go - ti - ate_ my hide, _ when God did take my lo-gic for a ride.

Elec. Gtr. Elec. Gtr. Tab. Ac. Gtr. Ac. Gtr. Tab. Bs. Bs. Tab. Dr.

2nd time to Coda ⊕ [E]

Vx. Well I
 Rid-ing a - long.

Elec. Gtr. Elec. Gtr. Tab. Ac. Gtr. Ac. Gtr. Tab. Bs. Bs. Tab. Dr.

1.31

[A]

[E]

[A]

15

Vx. said hel-lo__ and I said hel-lo,__ and I asked__ 'Why not?' and I re-plied 'I don't know'.__

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.



[E] G A G A

Vx. So we asked a sim-ple black-bird,__ who was hap - py as can be.__ And he

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

16 G Gsus4 E7 A C#m

Vx. laughed in-sane.. and quipped 'Kah-lil Gib-ran', and I cried for all the oth - ers till the day

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

F#m D Dm/F F#sus4 A
 — was near-ly through, for I re-al-is-ed that God's a young man

[E]

Vx. HMM!

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

2:10

[E]

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

18

ad lib. vibrato on 3rd string

Elec. Gtr.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.



Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.



Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Musical score for Electric Gtr., Elec. Gtr. Tab., Bass, Bass Tab., and Drums. The score is in 2/4 time, key of A major (F#). The Electric Gtr. part features a melodic line with various slurs and grace notes. The Elec. Gtr. Tab. part shows fingerings (e.g., 12-10-8-10-8-9, 9-8-9) and includes a break indicated by a dashed line. The Bass part consists of eighth-note patterns, with the Bass Tab. part providing specific fingerings (e.g., 7-7-7, 5-5-7, 5-5-7, 7-12-7, 7-7-7, 7-7-7, 7-14-7, 7-7-7, 7-7-7, 7-14-7). The Drums part shows a steady pattern of eighth notes.

ad lib. pull offs and
vibrato on 3rd string

Elec. Gtr. *vibrato on 3rd string*

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

D.S al Coda

Oh I

3:36
CODA
 [E]

Vx.

Musical score for the Coda section in E major (key signature of two sharps). The score includes parts for Vx., Elec. Gtr., Elec. Gtr. Tab., Ac. Gtr., Ac. Gtr. Tab., Bs., Bs. Tab., and Dr. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system starts with a single note from Vx. followed by a dynamic section for Elec. Gtr. and Elec. Gtr. Tab. The second system begins with a dynamic section for Ac. Gtr. and Ac. Gtr. Tab. The score concludes with a final dynamic section for Bs., Bs. Tab., and Dr. The notation uses standard musical staffs and tablatures with various rhythmic values and rests.

Elec.

Gtr.

Tab.

Ac.

Gtr.

Tab.

Ac.

Gtr.

Tab.

Bs.

Tab.

Dr.

II

Dr.

The musical score consists of five staves. The top two staves are for electric guitar, with the first being standard notation and the second being tablature. The third staff is for acoustic guitar, also with standard notation above and tablature below. The fourth staff is for bass, and the bottom staff is for drums.



Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

(8va)

(♩ = 60)

[4.20]

Bm7add4

E9

reverb.

A6

A7

Bm7add4

E9

Electric Gtr. Tab.

Acoustic Gtr. Tab.

Bass Tab.

Drum

(8va)

(♩ = 60)

[4.20]

Bm7add4

E9

reverb.

A6

A7

Bm7add4

E9

4:43

F

B

A6
feedback

A7

F

B

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

This section contains six staves of musical notation. The first three staves (Electric Gtr., Acoustic Gtr., Bass) include tablatures below the staff. The Electric Gtr. staff has a dynamic marking 'feedback' at the beginning. Measure A6 starts with a single note, followed by eighth-note pairs. Measure A7 starts with a sixteenth-note pattern. Measures F and B follow, each consisting of a series of eighth-note patterns. Measure B concludes with a sixteenth-note pattern.



D

Dsus4

D

F

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

This section contains six staves of musical notation. The first three staves (Electric Gtr., Acoustic Gtr., Bass) include tablatures below the staff. Measures D, Dsus4, and D are primarily sustained notes or simple patterns. Measure F begins with a sixteenth-note pattern on the electric guitar, followed by eighth-note pairs and a sixteenth-note pattern.

24

E♭

D

Dsus4

D

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.



[5:12]

F

E♭

D

Dsus4

Vx.

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

D

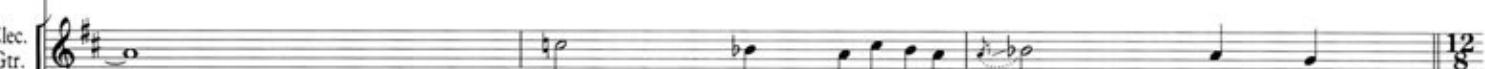
F

E♭

25

Vx. 

B. Vx. 

Elec. Gtr. 

Elec. Gtr. Tab. 

Ac. Gtr. 

Ac. Gtr. Tab. 

Bs. 

Bs. Tab. 

Dr. 

533
(♩ = 136)

Vx. 

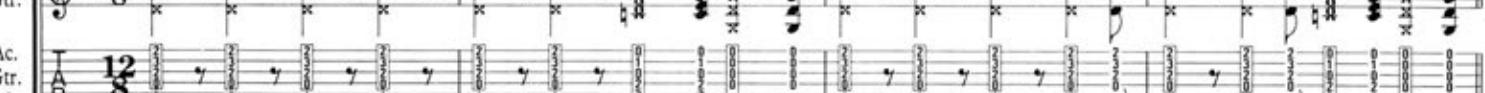
C G D C G He

B. Vx. 

Elec. Gtr. 

Elec. Gtr. Tab. 

Ac. Gtr. 

Ac. Gtr. Tab. 

Bs. 

Bs. Tab. 

Dr. 

D

C

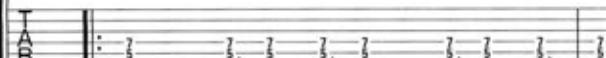
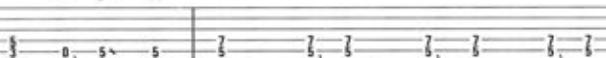
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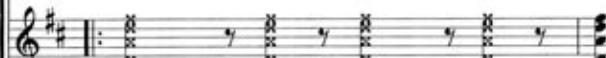
D

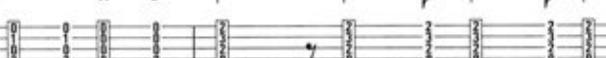
Vx.  

swal-lowed his pride and puck-ered his lips
ne - bu - lous bo - dy swayed a - bove,
and showed me the lea-ther belt round his hips.
his tongue swol-len with de - vil's love.

Elec. Gtr.  

Elec. Gtr. Tab.  

Ac. Gtr.  

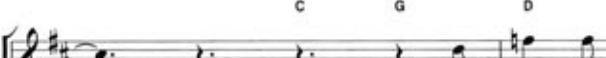
Ac. Gtr. Tab.  

Bs.  

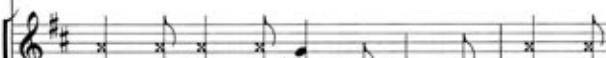
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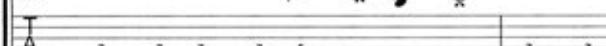
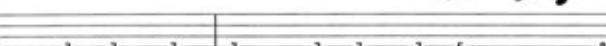
Dr.  



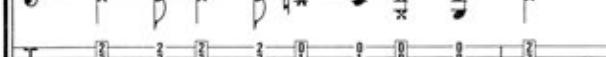
Vx.  

My knees were shak-ing, my cheeks a - flame,
The snake and I, a ve - nom high,
he said, "You'll
I said

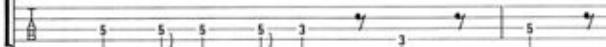
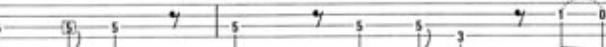
Elec. Gtr.  

Elec. Gtr. Tab.  

Ac. Gtr.  

Ac. Gtr. Tab.  

Bs.  

Bs. Tab.  

Dr.  

D

Vx. ne - ver go down to the Gods a - gain'.
'Do it a - gain, do it a - gain.

c G G

He struck the ground a ca - vern ap-peared
Breathe, breathe, breathe deep - ly,

B. Vx. Turn a-round, go back! _____

Elec. Gtr. *p*

Elec. Gtr. Tab. B

Ac. Gtr. 8

Ac. Gtr. Tab. A B

Bs. Bs. Tab. 3. 3. 5 5 5 5 5 5

Dr.

and I smelt the burn-ing pit of fear.
and I was seeth-ing, breath-ing deep-ly.

We
A

Electric Gtr. Tab. (Measures 1-3)

Electric Gtr. Tab. (Measures 4-6)

Acoustic Gtr. Tab. (Measures 1-6)

Bass Tab. (Measures 1-6)

Drum Tab. (Measures 1-6)

Vx. crashed a thou - sand yards be - low,
spit - ting sen - try, horned and tailed,

I said 'Do it a - gain, do it a - gain.'

1. D

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

c G *2. D*

6:38

Vx. His wait - ing for you.

B. Vx. Turn a-round, go back! -

c G [A]

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bjo.

Bs. distortion

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Elec.
 Gtr.
 Elec.
 Gtr.
 Tab.
 Bjo.
 Bs.
 Bs.
 Tab.
 Dr.

Elec.
 Gtr.
 Elec.
 Gtr.
 Tab.
 Bjo.
 Bs.
 Bs.
 Tab.
 Dr.

Elec.
 Gtr.
 Elec.
 Gtr.
 Tab.
 Bjo.
 Bs.
 Bs.
 Tab.
 Dr.

Elec.
 Gtr.
 Elec.
 Gtr.
 Tab.
 Bjo.
 Bs.
 Bs.
 Tab.
 Dr.

Elec. Gtr.

Bjo.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

(8va)

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Bjo.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

7:06

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Bjo.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Electric Gtr. Tab.

Bjo.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.



Musical score for measures 11-12, showing parts for Bjo., Bs., Bs. Tab., and Dr. The score includes four staves: Bjo. (top), Bs. (second), Bs. Tab. (third), and Dr. (bottom). The Bjo. and Bs. staves show eighth-note patterns. The Bs. Tab. staff shows a bass line with various note heads and rests. The Dr. staff shows a continuous pattern of eighth-note pairs.



Musical score for measures 15-16:

- Bjo.**: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps, 4/4 time. Measures 15-16 show eighth-note patterns.
- Bs.**: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp, 4/4 time. Measures 15-16 show eighth-note patterns.
- Bs. Tab.**: Tablature for bass guitar, 4/4 time. Measures 15-16 show eighth-note patterns.
- Dr.**: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp, 4/4 time. Measures 15-16 show eighth-note patterns.

7.31

32

(♩ = 70)

F

D

Vx. Ah ah

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

rit.

F

D

Vx. ah ah

B. Vx. ah ah

Elec. Gtr.

Elec. Gtr. Tab.

Ac. Gtr. tremolo ad lib.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Timp.

Dr.