

**PROLOGUE**

words and music by Arlo Guthrie

**G** **F9**  
IN THE EVENT OF MY DEMISE  
**G**  
BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT  
**F9**  
WHEN YOU ARE BENT ON CLOSING MY EYES  
**G**  
THINKING ABOUT WHAT MY LIFE MEANT  
**F9**  
ALONE ON A HILL BACK IN '65  
**G**  
THINGS LOOKED A LOT LIKE CHANGING  
**F9**  
SINGING OUR SONGS THAT WE HARMONIZED  
**G**  
DREAMING OF WORLDS REARRANGING

**C** **D** **G**  
AND I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M SINGING TONIGHT  
**Em** **D**  
MAYBE IT'S TIME SOMEONE TOLD YOU  
**G** **C** **D** **G**  
JUST BECAUSE YOU SAY YOU'VE SEEN THE LIGHT  
**Em** **D** **G**  
DOESN'T MEAN NOBODY SOLD YOU

**G** **F9**  
I CAN REMEMBER ALL OF YOUR SMILES  
**G**  
DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS  
**F9**  
TAKING ON WHAT SEEMED LIKE THE WHOLE WORLD  
**G**  
IGNITING THE HEARTS OF OUR NATIONS  
**C** **D** **Em**  
AND TOGETHER WE SANG OUR VICTORY SONGS  
**Am** **D**  
THOUGH WE WERE WORLDS APART  
**G** **F9**  
EVERY THING THEN HAS NOW PASSED AWAY  
**G**  
EXCEPT FOR THE LOVE IN MY HEART

**F9**  
SITTING AT HOME ON COMPUTERIZED BEDS  
**G**  
TRYING TO COME TO CONCLUSIONS  
**F9**  
SEEING REFLECTIONS FROM ROSE-COLORED HEADS

**G**

IGNORING THE STATES OF ILLUSION  
**C D G**

DRUNK IN A WORLD OF MATERIAL WEALTH  
**Em D**

NO ONE CAN NOTICE YOU FALLING  
**G C D G**

FANTASTIC FLIGHTS ONCE GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH  
**EM D G**

NOW MAKE YOU DEAF TO YOUR CALLING

**C D Em**

AND ALL ALONE THE PROPHET GROANS  
**Am D**

WITH WORDS AS YET UNSEEN  
**G F9**

WHO'LL BE AWAKE WHEN THE MASTER RETURNS  
**G**

WHO WILL BE LOST IN THEIR DREAMS

**F9**

SO IN THE EVENT OF MY DEMISE  
**G**

BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT  
**F9**

ONLY THE WORDS OF LOVE KEPT ALIVE  
**G**

ARE WORTHY OF NOT BEING WASTED

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