

TO LIVE IS TO FLY

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G **D** **G** **D**
WON'T SAY I LOVE YOU BABE, WON'T SAY I NEED YOU BABE
D **A** **G** **D**
BUT I'M GONNA GET YOU BABE, AND I WILL NOT DO YOU WRONG
G **D** **G** **D**
LIVIN'S MOSTLY WASTING TIME, AND I WASTE MY SHARE OF MINE
D **A** **G** **D**
BUT IT NEVER FEELS TOO GOOD, SO LETS NOT TAKE TO LONG

CHORUS1:

G **D** **G** **A**
OH YOU'RE SOFT AS GLASS, AND I'M A GENTLE MAN
D **A**
AND WE'VE GOT THE SKY TO TALK ABOUT
G **D**
AND THE WORLD TO LIE UPON

G **D** **G** **D**
DAYS UP AND DOWN THEY COME LIKE RAIN ON A CONGA DRUM
D **A** **G** **D**
FORGET MOST, REMEMBER SOME BUT DON'T TURN NONE AWAY
G **D** **G** **D**
EVERYTHING IS NOT ENOUGH & NOTHIN' IS TOO MUCH TO BEAR
D **A** **G** **D**
WHERE YOU'VE BEEN IS GOOD AND GONE ALL YOU KEEP IS THE GETTIN' THERE

CHORUS2:

G **D** **G** **A**
TO LIVE IS TO FLY BOTH LOW AND HIGH
D **A**
SO SHAKE THE DUST OFF OF YOUR BROKEN WINGS
G **D**
AND THE SLEEP OUT OF YOU EYES

GOOD-BY TO ALL MY FRIENDS IT'S TIME TO GO AGAIN
JUST THINK ABOUT THE POETRY AND THE PICKIN' DOWN THE LINE
I'LL MISS THE SYSTEM HERE THE BOTTOM'S LOW AND THE TREBLE'S CLEAR
BUT IT DON'T PAY TO THINK TOO MUCH ON THE THINGS YOU LEAVE BEHIND

CHORUS3:

OH I MAY BE GONE, BUT IT WON'T BE LONG
I'LL BE A BRINGING BACK THE MELODIES
AND THE RHYTHMS THAT I FOUND

(Intro riff under organ solo)

WE ALL GOT HOLES TO FILL & THEM HOLES ARE ALL THAT'S REAL
SOME FALL ON YOU LIKE A STORM SOMETIMES YOU DIG YOUR OWN
THE CHOICE IS YOURS TO MAKE, TIME IS YOURS TO TAKE
SOME DIVE INTO THE SEA SOME TOIL UPON THE STONE

FINAL CHORUS:

TO LIVE IS TO FLY BOTH LOW AND HIGH
SO SHAKE THE DUST OFF OF YOUR BROKEN WINGS
AND THE SLEEP OUT OF YOU EYES
SHAKE THE DUST OFF OF YOUR WINGS
AND THE TEARS OUT OF YOUR EYES...

(Intro riff, end on D)

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