

MY FAVORITE NIGHT OF THE WEEK

A Little Collection of (mostly) 12-Bar Blues Tunes

Written and performed (mostly) for the
Acton Jazz Café Thursday Night Blues Jam, 2002

- Better Luck Next Time
- Born in August
- Find You Tonight
- Friends for Life
- If You Won't
- Put it to Work
- Tell Me How

Better Luck Next Time

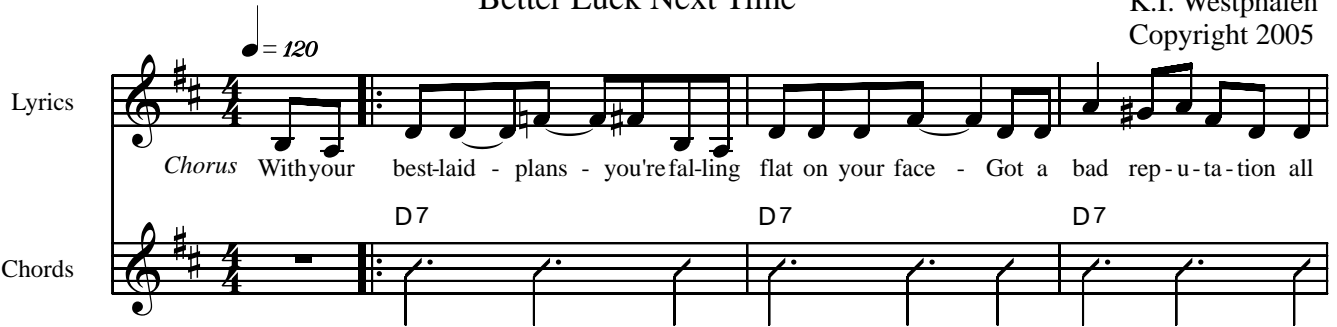
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$\text{♩} = 120$

Lyrics

Chorus With your best-laid - plans - you're fal-ling flat on your face - Got a bad rep-u-ta-tion all

Chords

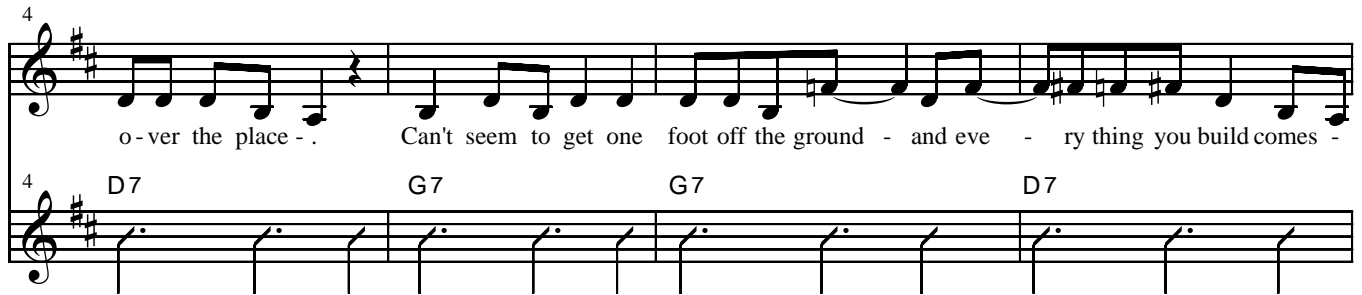


D7 D7 D7

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o-ver the place - . Can't seem to get one foot off the ground - and eve - ry thing you build comes -

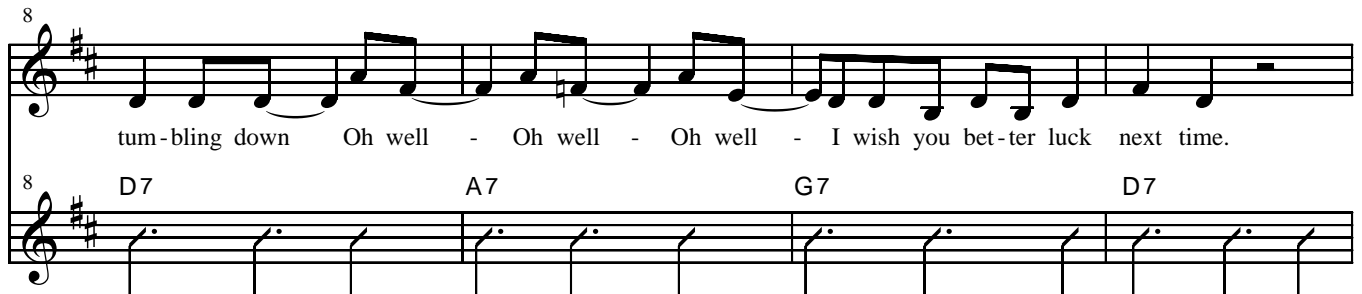
4 D7 G7 G7 D7



8

tum-bling down Oh well - Oh well - Oh well - I wish you bet-ter luck next time.

8 D7 A7 G7 D7



12

1. When - you run a race you al-ways fin-ish - last - . Try - to look a-head but you're

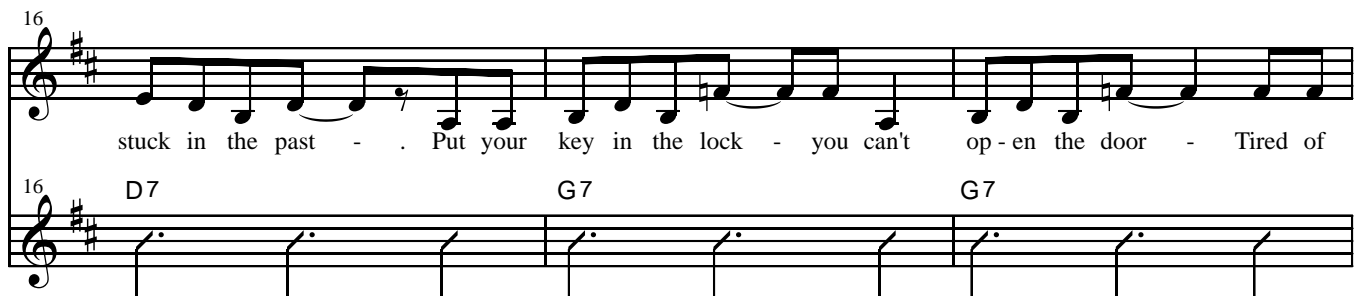
12 A7 D7 D7 D7



16

stuck in the past - . Put your key in the lock - you can't op-en the door - Tired of

16 D7 G7 G7



19

punch-ing the clock What are you li-ving - for? - For eve-ry step for-ward, you fall -

19 D7 D7 A7

22

back - three, - Gon - na spend your life in mi - ser - y - . With your

22 G7 D7 D7

2. Your baby's found somebody new to love,
 As if it ain't already bad enough
 Can't remember how your money was spent
 And the landlord's gone and raised the rent
 I'd tell ya 'break a leg', but you'd prob'ly break two
 I got no more heart for feeling sorry for you.

3.) You went on a diet and gained ten pounds
 Got a brand-new car but it keeps breakin' down
 Get up early but you're still late for work
 You never know where that next bit o' bad luck lurks
 If one more thing goes wrong in your life
 You'll have earned your degree in stress, struggle and strife

Born in August

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$\bullet = 60$ *Slow blues*

Lyrics

Verse 1. You walked in-to my kit-chen, Asked me for a cup of tea.

D7 throughout

Chords

Bass

3

You need some-thing to warm you up - ? Put your arms a-round me.

3

5

I was born in the heat of the sum-mer, Just like Au-gust I can make you sweat - .

5

7

Yeah, born in the heat of the sum-mer. Let me know how hot you - wan-na get.

7

Verse 2.

You walked into my living room
 Said 'Honey what's on TV?'
 Babe, you know how I feel about television,
 Just lay back and watch me...
 I was born in the heat of the summer
 I'm as sweet as an August breeze,
 Yeah, born in the heat of the summer
 I'm sweet--but tough to please.

Verse 3.

You walked into my bedroom
 Said 'turn the lights down low'
 I'll leave the lights on and the windows open,
 I want the world to know:
 I was born in the heat of the summer
 Just like August I got fire in my soul
 Yeah, born in the heat of the summer
 You just lay back, let me take control.

Find You Tonight

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$\bullet = 60$ *Slow blues*

Lyrics

Verse 1. The world - is spin-ning - a - long - with-out me, How - can I

Chords

C min7 C min7 F min7

4 find you to-night - Last night your gen-e-rous kis-ses Heat-ed up my chil-ly bed-room

4 C min7 F min7 F min7

7 To-night I'm - walk-in' the streets. But I'd rath-er be - with you, And the

7 C min7 C min7 G7

10 world keeps spin-ning a-long - with out me.

10 F min7 C min7 G7

Verse 2.
I'm tired, hungry,
Cold and alone.
How can I
Find you tonight?
Last night your face was mine to touch,
Woke up with my hair all in knots
Tonight I'm waiting for a call
To make some stranger feel
Better than I feel now,
Watching the world go
Spinning along without me.

Verse 3.
The world is busy
Scheming without me
Would you want me to
Find you tonight?
Last night I could not live without you
Saw my whole world by candle-light
Tonight I'm just waiting here under a street-light
When's my goddamn phone gonna ring?
I just wanna be with you,
And the world keeps spinning along
Without me.

Verse 4.
World is racing
Along without me
Would you mind if I
Found you tonight?
Last night, I felt your arms wrapped
around me,
Sweet and warm and safe and tight
Tonight I'm just someone else's dream
Put on a smile and let out a scream
But it's nothing like being with you,
And the world keeps spinning along
Without me.

Friends for Life

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♩ = 70 *Funk*

Lyrics

What more do you want - ? You see the be-ne-fits, I've laid it all out -

Chords

E7 E7 A7 A7 E7 E7 E7 E7

Why you think you need some pret-ty lit-tle shy girl to make you feel strong - ?

A7 A7 A7 A7

You see how weak I am, when you come - on - - - You think I'm much too wild to

E7 E7 E7 E7 B7 B7

be your - wife - - - I think you're too damn good to be friends for life - !

B7 B7 E7 E7 E7 B7B7B7

Verse 2.
What more do you need?
Ten years we're friends and lovers, still you don't see
You seek perfection, that you won't find
Take my affection, boy, my love is blind
You think I'm crazy, it will never last
I think you're crazy letting this chance pass

Verse 3.
What more will it take?
You got someone to talk with, laugh 'til we ache
I say your lovin' is to die for, sweeps me so high
I feel ecstatic when I see you smile
You say I'm not the one, can't make you feel
I say you've got the one to make it real

If You Won't

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♩ = 120

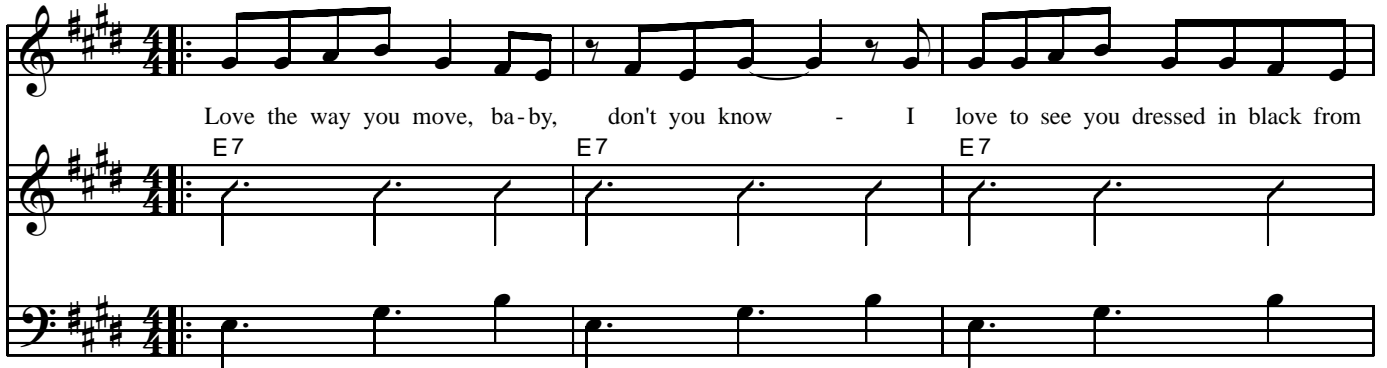
Lyrics

Love the way you move, ba-by, don't you know - I love to see you dressed in black from

Chords

E7 E7 E7

Bass



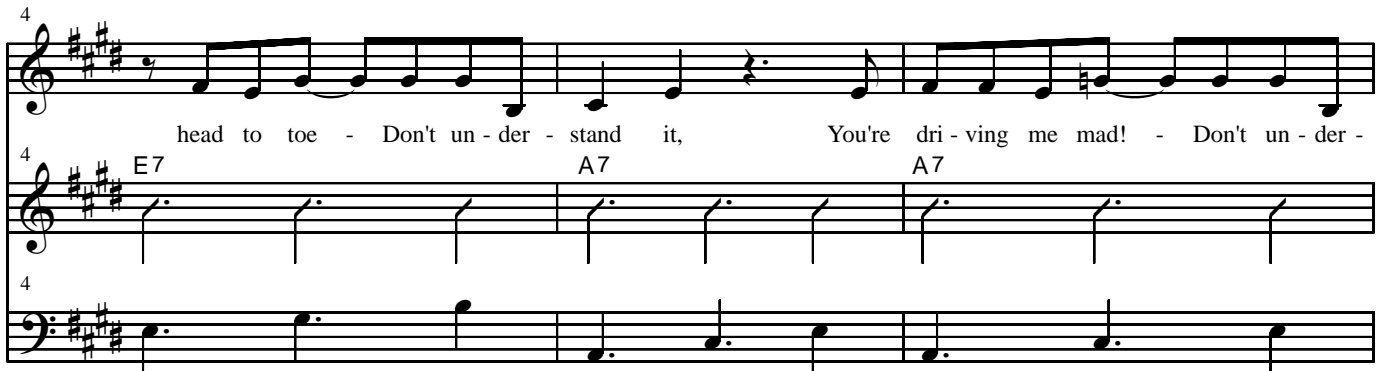
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head to toe - Don't un - der - stand it, You're dri - ving me mad! - Don't un - der -

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E7 A7 A7

4



7

stand it, Best man I ne - ver had. - Well if you won't be my lo - ver, won't you

7

E7 E7 B7

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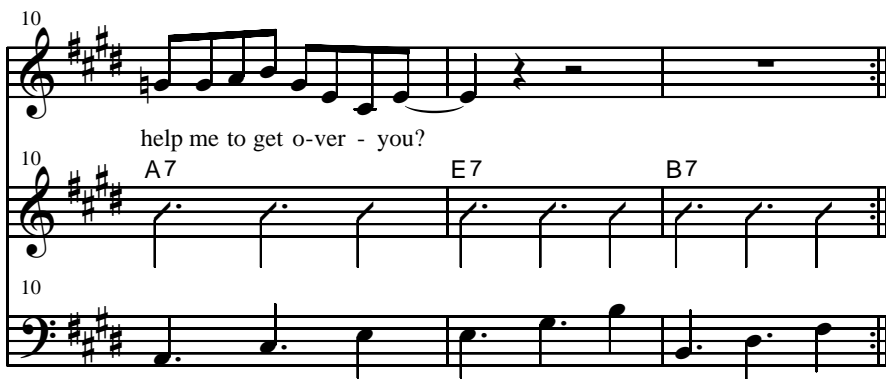
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help me to get o-ver - you?

10

A7 E7 B7

10



Verse 2.

Wanna run my fingers, baby,
Through your hair
Love to take you home with me but
You don't care
Don't understand it
What am I doing wrong?
Don't understand it
Do I come on too strong?
Well if you won't be my lover,
Won't you help me to get over
You?

Verse 3.

Look my way and smile and my // Knees go weak
So can't you give me more than just a // Kiss on the cheek?
Don't understand it, // What can I do?
Don't understand it, // To get close to you?
Well if you won't be my lover // Won't you help me to get over
You?

Verse 4.

Please don't act so friendly if we're // Only friends
Gonna get down on my knees and draw that // Line in the sand
Don't understand it // Wasn't I clear?
Don't understand it // What I want from you, dear,
Well if you won't be my lover // Won't you help me to get over
You?

Put It To Work

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♩ = 150 *Bo Diddley beat*

Lyrics

Verse 1. I know what you're look-in' - for, - I see it in your - eyes. - - - So

Chords

5

come on up and see me - hon - ey, let's give this thing a - try. - - -

9

Hear your car come up the drive, - can't wait to let you in. - - - You

13

got me feel - ing so a - live, I can't wait to be - gin. - - - You

17

step in - side - my - house - and - tell - me - 'It ain't - right - to - stay.' - - - Well

21

lis - ten - up - and - sit - your ass down, Here's what I - got - to - say: - This ain't no

25

half - way, half - heart - ed, half - time lit - tle - game - Don't want no

25
half - way, half - heart - ed, half - time lit - tle - game - Don't want no

25 C7 C7 C7 C7

29
'some - times' 'May - be, ba - by' - 'How 'bout a - no - ther - day?' - Don't start that

29 C7 C7 C7 C7

33
'Oh no', 'I don't - know' - 'We should - n't - go - that - far' - Don't make my

33 F7 F7 F7 F7

37
heart race, pulse pound, just to bring - me down. - Don't wan - na hear -

37 C7 C7 C7 C7

41
It ain't a good i - dea. - - - - 'Cause it was

41 G7 G7 F7 F7

45
your i - dea - too, - ba - by, let's just put it - to - work! - - - -

45 C7 C7 G7 G7

Verse 2. See you comin' round my block, you're one good-lookin' man
Think I'll take a little walk, try and catch up if I can
Much to my surprise you turn, and look me up and down
You ask me for my number, say you wanna hang around
You step inside my house and say "Well maybe not today"
Well listen up and sit your ass down, Here's what I got to say:

Verse 3. We go dancing Friday night and swing 'til break of day
When you hold me in your arms, can't tear myself away
Every time you smile at me, I feel like I'm on fire
Babe, I know you feel it too, now don't make me a liar
But when you step inside my house, you wanna run away
Well listen up and sit your ass down, here's what I got to say:

Tell Me How

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Lyrics

♩ = 120 Medium Shuffle

Verse 1. E - lev-en men - have asked me for my number to night - - - - E -

Chords

E7 A7 E7 E7

5

lev - en more - Are wait-ing 'til the time is right - - - - But the

5

A7 A7 E7 E7

9

one I real-ly like has-n't talked to me all night, oh no - - - - -Verse 2. E -

9

B7 A7 E7 B7

13

lev - en times I've tried to catch his eye - - - - E -

13

E7 A7 E7 E7

17

lev - en more, - I've watched him walk right by - - - - I wish he'd

A7 A7 E7 E7

21

tell me what to say, may-be tell me what to do, Ba-by, tell me how to tell you how I feel a-bout you!

B7 A7 E7 B7

Verse 3.

Eleven weeks
 Since I've had my eye on him
 Could be eleven more
 'Til I know just where to begin
 Unless he
 Tells me what to say,
 Maybe tells me what to do,
 Baby tell me how to tell you how I
 Feel about you

Verse 4.

Eleven friends
 Said I was a fool to fall
 Eleven more
 Keep tellin' me he'll never call
 But they won't
 Tell me what to say,
 Maybe tell me what to do
 Baby, tell me how to tell you how I
 feel about you!