

The Weight – © 1968 Robbie Robertson

Chorus

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Verse 1 Chord sequence - A C#m7 D6 A - one bar each per verse lyric line

I pulled in to Nazareth, I was feeling about half past dead.

I just need some place where I can lay my head.

"Hey, Mister, can you tell me where a man might find a bed?"

He just grinned, shook my hand, "No" was all he said.

Verse 4

Crazy Chester followed me and he caught me in the fog.

He said, "I will fix your rack, if you'll take Jack my dog."

I said, "Wait a minute, Chester. You know I'm a peaceful man."

He said, "That's okay, boy. Won't you feed him when you can?"

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A D
Take a load off, Fanny.

A D
Take a load for free.

A D
Take a load off, Fanny.

D A
And... you put the load right on me.

A C#m F#m E D D A (or do Riffs)

Verse 5

Get your Cannonball now, to take me down the line.

My bag is sinking low, and I do believe it's time

To get back to Miss Fanny. You know she's the only one

Who sent me here with her regards for everyone.

Verse 2

I picked up my bag. I went looking for a place to hide.

When I saw Carmen and the devil walking side by side.

I said, "Hey, Carmen, come on. Let's go downtown."

She said, "I got to go, but my friend can stick around"

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Verse 3

Go down, Miss Moses, there's nothing you can say.

It's just old Luke, and Luke's waiting on the judgement day.

"Well, Luke, my friend, what about young Anna Lee?"

He said, "Do me a favor, son, won't you stay and keep Anna Lee company."

Chord inversions riff

A	C#m	F#m	E	D	A		
A	-4-4-4-7-5-4-2-0-						
E	-5-4-5-4-2-----0-						
C	-4-4-6-4-2-----1-						
G	-6-6-6-4-2-----2-						

Descending A scale for Low G

A	-----	D6	D		
E	-5-4-2-----				
C	-----4-2-1-----				
G	-----4-2-				

Descending A, starting on C# (for High G Uke)

A	-4-2-----	C#m7	E		
E	----5-4-2-----				
C	-----4-2-1-				
G	-----				

Harmonised Descending A scale

A	-4-2-0-----	F#m	
E	-5-4-2-4-2-----		
C	-----4-2-4-2-1-		
G	-----4-4-2-		