

Mr. Tambourine Man

Bob Dylan (1965)

[Intro]

D D Dsus2 Dsus2 D

[Chorus]

G A D G
Hey! Mr. Tambourine Man, play a song for me,
D Em A
I'm not sleepy and there is no place I'm going to.
G A D G
Hey! Mr. Tambourine Man, play a song for me,
D G A D
In the jingle jangle morning I'll come following you.

[Verse 1]

G A D G
Though I know that evenings empire has returned into sand,
D G
Vanished from my hand,
D Em A
Left me blindly here to stand but still not sleeping.
G A D G
My weariness amazes me, I'm branded on my feet,
D G
I have no one to meet
D Em A
And the ancient empty street's too dead for dreaming.

[Chorus]

[Verse 2]

G A D G
Take me on a trip upon your magic swirling ship,
D G D G
My senses have been stripped, my hands can't feel to grip,
D G D G
My toes too numb to step, wait only for my boot heels
A
To be wandering.
G A D G
I'm ready to go anywhere, I'm ready for to fade
D G D G
Into my own parade, cast your dancing spell my way,
A
I promise to go under it.

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

 G A D G
Though you might hear laughing, spinning, swinging madly across the sun,
 D G D G
It's not aimed at anyone, it's just escaping on the run
 D G A
And but for the sky there are no fences facing.
 G A D G
And if you hear vague traces of skipping reels of rhyme
 D G D G
To your tambourine in time, it's just a ragged clown behind,
 D G D
I wouldn't pay it any mind, it's just a shadow you're
G A
Seeing that he's chasing.

[Chorus]

[Verse 4]

 G A D G
Then take me disappearing through the smoke rings of my mind,
 D G D G
Down the foggy ruins of time, far past the frozen leaves,
 D G D G
The haunted, frightened trees, out to the windy beach,
 D G A
Far from the twisted reach of crazy sorrow.
 G A D G
Yes, to dance beneath the diamond sky with one hand waving free,
 D G D G
Silhouetted by the sea, circled by the circus sands,
 D G D G
With all memory and fate driven deep beneath the waves,
 D G A
Let me forget about today until tomorrow.

[Chorus]

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