

SOLO RIDER

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Key G

Time sig 4/4



INTRO

1				D
2	G	Em	Am	D
6	G	Em	Am	D

VERSE 1 / CHORUS 1

10	G	Em	Am	D
	Driven by a	quiet resig-	nation,	Of
14	G	Em	Am	D
	one, perhaps, who	knows he did the	crime,	He
18	A	E	A	D
	stops to view with	careful contem-	plation,	The
22	Em	G	Am	D7
	foothills of the	slopes that he must	climb:	
26	C	Am	Dm	G7
	There he goes, the	hardened easy	rider,	
30	C	Am	Em	A7
	Baking in the	full remorseless	sun,	The
34	D	E	A	D
	pennance for his	monumental	folly	Has
38	Em	G	Am	D7
	clearly	now be-	gun	

INTRO REPRISE 1

42	G	Em	Am	D
46	G	Em	Am	D

VERSE 2 / CHORUS 2 (as Verse / Chorus 1)

50	G	Em	Am	D
	Happiness was	just an empty	notion, etc	etc

V

78	Em	G	Am	D7
	(With-) in his	sodden	pain	

INSTRUMENTAL

82	G	Em	Am	D
86	G	Em	Am	D
90	A	E	A	D
94	Em	G	Am	D7

INTRO REPRISE 2

98	G	Em	Am	D
102	G	Em	Am	D

VERSE 2 / CHORUS 2 (as Verse / Chorus 1)

106	G	Em	Am	D
Love was just the other side of never, etc etc				

V

134	Em	G	Am	D7
what he can't ful- fil				

CODA (repeat to fade)

138	G	Em	Am	D
142	G	Em	Am	D

FADE

146	G	Em	Am	D
150	G	Em	Am	D

(End fade)

v1 Driven by a quiet resignation,
Of one, perhaps, who knows he did the crime,
He stops to view, with careful contemplation,
The foothills of the slopes that he must climb:

Ch1 There he goes, the hardened solo rider,
Baking in the full remorseless sun:
The penance for his monumental folly
Has clearly now begun.

v2 Happiness was just an empty notion,
A muse, perhaps, of one beset
Who pauses now to view, without emotion,
The boulders on the ridge he must traverse:

Ch2 There he goes, the seasoned solo rider,
Bedraggled in crooked slanting rain:
Immersed, for all his many heartless errors,
Within his sodden pain.

v3 Love was just the other side of never,
The scourge, perhaps, of one who's doomed to fail,
And destined now to contemplate forever
The snowlines of the summits he must scale:

Ch3 There he goes, the grizzled solo rider,
Exposed against the penetrating chill:
Locked within the frigid aspirations

Of what he can't fulfil.