

Thumbing My Way

Pearl Jam

Riot Act

Words & Music by Pearl Jam

Standard tuning

♩ = 110

S-Gt

f

TAB

TAB

I have not been home

TAB

since you left long ago

TAB

I'm thumbing my way back to heaven

TAB

Counting steps, walking backwards on the road

TAB

I'm

TAB

counting my way back to heaven

TAB

I can't be free with what's locked inside of me

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If there was a key, you took it in your hand

Musical notation for measures 29-31. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers 0, 1, 2, 3 and pick direction arrows.

There's no wrong or right, but i'm sure there's good and bad

Musical notation for measures 32-35. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and pick direction arrows.

The questions linger overhead

Musical notation for measures 36-38. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers 0, 1, 2, 3 and pick direction arrows.

No matter how cold the

Musical notation for measures 39-41. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers 0, 1, 2, 3 and pick direction arrows.

winter, there's a springtime ahead

Musical notation for measures 42-44. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and pick direction arrows.

I'm thumbing my way back to heaven

45

TAB

I wish that i could hold you

48

TAB

i wish that i had

51

TAB

thinking 'bout heaven

54

TAB

I let go of a

57

TAB

rope, thinking that's what held me back

Musical notation for measures 61-63. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers (0-5) and arrows indicating string direction.

And in time i've realized, it's now wrapped around my neck

Musical notation for measures 64-66. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F#, C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers (0-3) and arrows indicating string direction.

i can't see what's next, from this

Musical notation for measures 67-69. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers (0-2) and arrows indicating string direction.

lonely overpass hang my head and count

Musical notation for measures 70-72. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers (0-2) and arrows indicating string direction.

my steps, as another car goes past

Musical notation for measures 73-75. The top staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F#, C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers (0-3) and arrows indicating string direction.

all the rusted signs we ignore throughout our live

76

TAB

choosing the shiny ones instead

80

TAB

I turned my back, now there's no turning back

83

TAB

87

TAB

No matter how cold the

90

TAB

fff *f*

winter, there's a springtime ahead

93

TAB

I smile, but who am I kidding?

96

TAB

I'm just walking the miles, every once in a while I'll get a ride

99

TAB

I'm

102

TAB

thumbing my way back heaven

105

TAB

thumbing my way back to heaven

108

T
A
B

I'm thumbing my way back to heaven...

111

T
A
B

115

T
A
B