



I Know You Rider

Traditional Blues

Performed by the Grateful Dead

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Also known as "Woman Blues" and "I Know My Rider," this is a song that has been adapted by numerous artists. Modern versions can be traced back to Blind Lemon Jefferson's "Deceitful Brownskin Blues," released as a single in 1927. This song became a staple in the Grateful Dead repertoire.

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Formed as a quintet in California in 1965, the **Grateful Dead** became as much a folktale as the story from which they drew their name. Fusing rock and roll, folk, and jazz with avant-garde, visual, and literary traditions--and virtually inventing a new way to play music in the process--they became one of the most popular, enduring, and influential bands in American history. Emerging as a vessel for a vibrant global counterculture, they would create an unparalleled original songbook through 30 years of recording and touring. The Dead's musical legacy remains unfathomably rich, spread across a combined body of live and studio recordings. Creating an artistic ecosystem all their own, the Grateful Dead would transform American music and arguably even America itself.

4/4 Time (fast count)

I KNOW YOU RIDER

Original Key D

(Traditional Blues) - Grateful Dead/Europe'72 Live

INTRO |: {D,6} {C,2} {D,6} {C,2} :| 2X

REFRAIN

I Know You Rider, Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone...

I Know You Rider, Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone...

Gonna Miss... Your Baby, From Rolling In... Your Arms

- 2) Lay Down Last Night, Lord I Could Not Take My Rest...
Lay Down Last Night, Lord I Could Not Take My Rest...
My Mind Was Wandering Like The Wild Geese In The West
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INSTRUMENTAL OVER VERSE CHORDS

- 3) The Sun Will Shine In My Back Door Some Day...
The Sun Will Shine In My Back Door Some Day...
March Winds... Will Blow... All My Troubles Away
- 4) I Wish I Was A Headlight ...On A North-Bound Train
I Wish I Was A Headlight ...On A North-Bound Train
I'd Shine My Light... Through The Cool Colorado Rain

REFRAIN

INSTRUMENTAL OVER VERSE CHORDS

ACAPELLA REFRAIN

I Know You Rider, Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone... Gone... Gone...

I Know You Rider, Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone... Gone... Gone...

Gonna Miss... Your Baby, From Rolling In... Your Arms

OUTRO

{F, hold-1m} {C, hold-1m} {F, hold-1m}

{C, hold-2} {Emi, hold-2} {D, hold}

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INTRO |: {D,6}{C,2} {D,6}{C,2} :|

REFRAIN

I {D,2m} Know You Rider, Gonna {C} Miss Me {G} When I'm {D,4m} Gone...
 I {D,2m} Know You Rider, Gonna {C} Miss Me {G} When I'm {D,4m} Gone...
 Gonna {F} Miss... Your {C} Baby, From
 {F} Rolling {C,2} In... {Emi,2} Your {D,4m} Arms

2) Lay {D,2m} Down Last Night, Lord I {C} Could Not {G} Take My {D,4m} Rest...
 Lay {D,2m} Down Last Night, Lord I {C} Could Not {G} Take My {D,4m} Rest...
 My {F} Mind Was {C} Wandering Like The
 {F} Wild Geese {C,2} In {Emi,2} The {D,4m} West

INSTRUMENTAL OVER VERSE CHORDS

3) The {D,2m} Sun Will Shine In {C} My Back {G} Door Some {D,4m} Day...
 The {D,2m} Sun Will Shine In {C} My Back {G} Door Some {D,4m} Day...
 March {F} Winds... Will {C} Blow...
 {F} All My {C,2} Trou- {Emi,2} bles A- {D,4m} way

4) I {D,2m} Wish I Was A Headlight {C} ...On A {G} North-Bound {D,4m} Train
 I {D,2m} Wish I Was A Headlight {C} ...On A {G} North-Bound {D,4m} Train
 {F} I'd Shine My {C} Light... Through The
 {F} Cool Colo- {C,2} ra- {Emi,2} do {D,4m} Rain

REFRAIN

INSTRUMENTAL OVER VERSE CHORDS

ACAPELLA REFRAIN

I {D,2m} Know You Rider, Gonna
 {C} Miss Me {G} When I'm {D,4m} Gone... Gone... Gone...
 I {D,2m} Know You Rider, Gonna
 {C} Miss Me {G} When I'm {D,4m} Gone... Gone... Gone...
 Gonna {F} Miss... Your {C} Baby, From
 {F} Rolling {C,2} In... {Emi,2} Your {D,4m} Arms

OUTRO

{F, hold-1m} {C, hold-1m} {F,hold-1m}

{C, hold-2} {Emi, hold-2} {D, hold}