

**MISSISSIPPI** Bob Dylan  
from "Love and Theft" ©2001

[C] Every step of the [C4]way [C]We walk the [C4]line  
[C] Your days [C4]are numbered [C]So are mine[C4]  
[C]Time is pilin' [F]up, we [C]struggle and we [F]scrape  
C D E F G  
We're all boxed in, no-where [G]to [C]escape

---[Verse]-----  
[C] City's just a [C4]jungle[C] More games to [C4]play  
[C] Trapped in the [C4]heart of it [C]Tryin' to get a[F]way  
[C]I was raised in the [F]country, I been [C]workin' in the [F]town  
C D E F G  
[C]I been in trouble ever since I set my suit[G]case [C]down

---[BRIDGE]-----  
G scale (twice)  
[G]Got nothin' for you, I had nothin' before  
[G]Don't even have anything for my[F]self any[G]more  
[G]Sky full of fire, pain pourin' down  
[G]Nothing you can sell me, I'll [F]see you a[G]round

---[Verse-chorus]-----  
[C] All my powers of expres[C4]sion [C] And thoughts so sub[C4]lime  
[C] Could never do you [C4]justice In [C]reason or [F]rhyme  
[C]Only [F]one thing [C]I did [F]wrong  
C D E F G  
[C]Stayed in Mississippi a day [G]too [C]long

---[Instrumental]-----  
| C C/D C/E C/F | C/G G C |

---[Verse]-----  
[C] Well, the devil's in the [C4]alley [C] Mule's in the [C4]stall  
[C] Say anything you [C4]wanna [C] I have heard it [F]all  
[C] I was thinkin' 'bout the [F]things that [C]Rosie [F]said  
C D E F G  
[C]I was dreaming I was sleepin' in Ro - [G]sie's [C]bed

---[Verse]-----  
[C] Walkin' through the [C4]leave [C]Falling from the [C4]trees  
[C] Feelin' like a [C4]stranger [C]Nobody [F]sees  
[C]So many [F]things [C]that we never will un[F]do  
C D E F G  
[C] I know you're sorry, I'm sor - [G]ry [C]too

---[BRIDGE]-----  
G scale (twice)  
[G]Some people will offer you their hand and some won't  
[G] Last night I knew you, to[F]night [C]I [G]don't  
[G]I need somethin' strong to distract my mind  
[G]I'm gonna look at you 'til my [F]eyes [C]go [G]blind

---[Verse-chorus]-----

[C]Well I got here [C4]followin [c]The southern [C4]star  
[C]I crossed that [C4]river Just to [C]be where you [F]are  
[C]Only one [F]thing [C]I did [F]wrong

C D E F G

[C]Stayed in Mississippi a day t[G]oo [C]long

---[Instrumental]-----

| C C/D C/E C/F | C/G G C |

---[Verse]-----

Well my [C]ship's been split to [C4]splinters [C]And it's sinkin' [C4]fast  
[C] I'm drownin' in the [4]poison Got no [C]future, got no [F]past  
But my [C]heart is not [F]weary, it's [C]light and it's [F]free

C D E F G

[C]I've got nothin' but affection for all those who've sailed [G]with [C]me

---[Verse]-----

[C] Everybody [C4]movin' [C] If they ain't already [C4]there  
[C] Everybody got to [C4]move [C]Some [F]where  
[C]Stick with me [F]baby, [C]stick with me any[F]how

C D E F G

[C]Things should start to get interestin' right a[G]bout [C]now

---[BRIDGE]-----

G scale (twice)

[G]My clothes are wet, tight on my skin  
[G]Not as tight as the corner that I [F]painted my[C]self [G]in  
[G]I know that fortune is waitin' to be kind  
So give me your hand and [F]say [C]you'll be [G]mine

---[Verse-chorus]-----

[C]Well, the emptiness is [C4]endless [C] Cold as the [C4]clay  
[C]You can always [C4]come back, But you can't [C]come back all the [F]way  
[C]Only one [F]thing [C]I did [F]wrong

C D E F G

[C]Stayed in Mississippi a day [G]too [C]long

[Coda]

| C C/D C/E C/F | C/G G C