

# To the Stage

words and music by

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*moderate shuffle*, 



**Chorus:**

1. On my way up to the stage a wo-man warned me in ad-vance  
"If you got a gift bet-ter give it quick or you won't get a sec-ond chance"

**Chorus:**

FMaj7/A F Gm7 Bb5 FMaj7/A F Gm7 Bb5

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F<sup>Maj7/A</sup> F G<sup>m7</sup> B<sup>bb5</sup> F<sup>Maj7/A</sup> F G<sup>m7</sup> B<sup>bb5</sup>

On my way up to the stage I got a whiff of a long ci - gar  
 2. On my way up to the stage some - bo - dy stopped me in my tracks  
 3. On my way up to the stage I heard a voice call-in' out my name

F<sup>Maj7/A</sup> F G<sup>m7</sup> B<sup>bb5</sup> F<sup>Maj7/A</sup>

some - one was count - ing cash, some - one be - gan to laugh, I near - ly  
 said, "How do ya do? I ne - ver heard of you." and  
 while ev - 'ry lie I told, the dark - ness in my soul was be - in'

F G<sup>m7</sup> B<sup>bb5</sup> F<sup>Maj7/A</sup> C

tripped on a smashed gui - tar on my way up to the stage I had to  
 I just turned my back on my way up to the stage I met a  
 of - fered to a flame and I rose as in a dream like the

E<sup>b</sup> F

come down a long dark hall where they burn your wings 'n' steal your  
 kid with a rose tat - too who said, "It just aint fair, it should be  
 dawn - ing of the day the lights came up, some - bo - dy



F



Gmin7



Bbb5  
Bb



FMaj7/A



C



Eb



F/Bb



Eb/Ab



Cmin



D



Dsus4

*Eb* *F/Bb* *Eb/Ab* *Gmin7* *Bb* *F*

will to sing and leave ya at the wail - ing wall  
me up there, I'm at least as good as you  
filled my cup and I be - gan to play

*Bb* *F* *Bb* *F*

*Bb* *F*

1. *Fine*

2. *F* *Bb* *F*

And as I climbed the stairs I prayed like an hon - est man

*Cmin* *Eb* *Gmin7*

I prayed for peace that I could share and for a sure and stead - y hand

B $\flat$  F

I asked for strength to tell the truth of ev-'ry sto-ry left un-told

Cmin E $\flat$  D

I asked the an-gels, use me well but have mer-cy on my soul

Dsus4 F Gm7 B $\flat$ 5 FMaj7/A F Gm7 B $\flat$ 5 FMaj7/A

*D.S. al Fine*