

To the Stage

words and music by

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moderate shuffle, 



Chords: F Gmin7, B \flat 5, FMaj7/A, F Gm7, FMaj7/A, F Gm7, B \flat 5, FMaj7/A, F Gm7, B \flat 5, FMaj7/A, F Gm7, B \flat 5, FMaj7/A, F Gm7, B \flat 5, FMaj7/A, F Gm7, B \flat 5

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"___

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F^{Maj7/A} F G^{m7} B^{♭5} F^{Maj7/A} F G^{m7} B^{♭5}

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^{Maj7/A} F G^{m7} B^{♭5} F^{Maj7/A}

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^{m7} B^{♭5} F^{Maj7/A} 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[♭] 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

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