

# Philadelphia Freedom

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With a beat

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The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a series of chords in a descending sequence: F major, Bb major, Eb major, and Ab major. The left hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, starting on G2 and moving up stepwise.

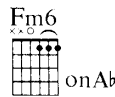
Verse



1. I used to be a roll - ing stone, — you know — if the cause — was right

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The first system of the verse features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a steady eighth-note bass line.



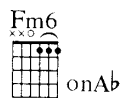
— I'd leave ——— to find the an - swer on — the road. —

The second system continues the verse. The vocal line has a quarter rest before the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure.



I used to be a heart beat - ing for some - one. — But the times\_ have changed

The third system concludes the verse. The vocal line has a quarter rest before the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides a final harmonic setting for the phrase.



The less I say — the more — my work gets done. —

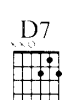


Chorus

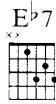
'Cause I live and breathe — this Phil - a - del - phi - a free - dom



From the day that I — was born — I waived — the flag —



Phil - a - del - phi - a free - dom took me knee-high to a man —



Yeah! Gave me peace of mind — my dad - dy nev-er had.



Oh, Phil - a - del - phi - a free - dom shine on me\_



I love — it. Shine the light — through the eyes.



— of the one — left be - hind. Shine the light, — shine\_

Gm7 Am7 Bb

the light. Shine the light Won't you shine the light

Gm7 Am7 Bb B° C7 Bb Am7 Gm7

Phil - a - del - phi - a - free - dom I love - ove - ove you,

To Coda

Guitar tacet F Bb Ab Gm

yes I do.

F Bb Ab Gm F

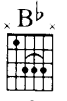
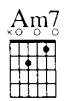

D.S. al Coda

Oh.

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Don't you know I love - ove - ove — you Don't you know I

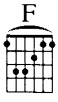


love - ove - ove — you yes I do —



— (Phil - a - del - phi - a free - dom) I love - ove - ove —





— you, yes I do. — (Phil - a - del - phi - a free - dom) Don't you know that I

Repeat and fade

Verse 2. If you choose to, you can live your life alone.  
 Some people choose the city,  
 Some others choose the good old family home.  
 I like living easy without family ties  
 'Til the whippoorwill of freedom zapped me  
 Right between the eyes.

Repeat Chorus