
The Ocean The Night And The Big Big Wheel - Bill Nelson

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Tuning:EADGBe

| (022100) = chord shape
| x = mute note
| ~ = vibrato or sustain
| v = whammy bar dip
| / = slide up
| \ = slide down
| s = slur - very rapid slide, sounds like one note
| h = hammer-on
| p = pull-off
| b = bend up to pitch
| r = release bend
| ^ = slight bend
| D/A = chord/bass note (or chord inversion)
| (9) = optional/alternative note
| (00:31) = time marker
| <<<<<< = pick scrape
| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - | = rhythm, 4/4

A standout song from "The Alchemical Adventures Of Sailor Bill" - one of the most essential Bill Nelson albums - evoking the early sixties of Bill's youth.

Intro:

____ Fmaj7#11_ (xx3200) _____

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e|-----0-----|-----|
B|-----0-----|-----|
G|-----2-----|-----|
D|-3-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|
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____ Cmaj7_ (x32000)
(00:38) _____

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e|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|
G|-----4--/12~~\9-----7-----5-----|
D|-----5-----|-----|
A|-----7-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|
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| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - | 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |

Cmaj7_ (x32000) Bmaj7_ (xx8876)

e|-----|-----6-----|
B|-----|-----7-----|
G|-----4--/12~~\9~-----8-----|
D|-----5-----|-----|
A|-----7-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

Cmaj7_ (xx9987)
(00:38)

e|-7-----|-----|
B|-8-----|-----|
G|-9-----4--/12~~\9-----7-----5-----|
D|-----5-----|-----|
A|-----7-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

Cmaj7_ (x32000)

e|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|
G|\4-----5-----7--/9-----12----\9/12\9~~~~~|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

Verse: (00:58) Strum Freely...

C_ (x32010) Em_ (022000)
"Chain of lights along the coast..."

Am_ (x02210) F_ (133211) G_ (3x0033)
"Strung like clothes from post to post..."

C_ (x32010) Em_ (022000)
"In my arms you're as warm as toast..."

Am_ (x02210) Fm6_ (1x0111)
"Counting lights along the coast..."

Repeat verse...

@ 01:28

C_ (x32010) Em_ (022000)
"Is it now or nineteen sixty four?"

e|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----1--p0-----|
G|-----|-----2--p0--|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

Am_ (x02210) Fm6_ (1x0111)
 "So hard to say..."

e	-----1---3~~v~~~-----
B	-----1-----
G	-2~~~v~-----
D	-2~~~v~-----
A	-----
E	-----

Chorus: "The..."

C_ (x32010) G_ (3x0003) Am_ (x02210) Em_ (022000)
 "Ocean the night and the big big wheel... the..."

e	-----
B	-----13--12-----12-
G	-----12-----14-----
D	-----
A	-----
E	-----

C_ (x32010) G_ (3x0003) Am_ (x02210) Em_ (022000)
 "Ocean the night and the big big wheel... the..."

e	-----
B	-----
G	-14~~-----5-5/7--5--3--5--
D	-----
A	-----
E	-----

C_ (x32010) G_ (3x0003) Am_ (x02210) Em_ (022000)
 "Ocean the night and the big big wheel... and..."

e	-----
B	-----
G	-3~~~-----5-5/7--5--3--5--
D	-----
A	-----
E	-----

F_ (133211)
 "you... and..."

e	-----
B	-----
G	-5~~-----5h7p5-----
D	-----5h7-----7p5~-----
A	-----
E	-----

Fm6_ (1x0111)
 "you..."

e	-----
B	-----
G	-----
D	-----
A	-----4-- -5~-----
E	-----

(02:03)

Cmaj7 (x3540x)

Cmaj7 For 8 bars...

Repeat verse (02:23)

Repeat chorus...

Cmaj7 (x3540x)

(03:48)

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e|-----7-----|-----|
B|-----8-----|-----|
G|-----9-----|-----|
D|-----9-----|-----7---5-----/12-----10~
A|-----10-----|-----7---\5-----|
E|-----|-----|

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| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - | 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |

(03:53) strum freely...

F (133211) "Holding on to..."

F (133211) "Love... "Holding on to..."

Am (x02210) "Life... "Holding on to..."
"Life... "I'm Hold - ing..."

F (133211) "On... "Holding on to..."
"Love... "Holding on to..."

Dm (xx0231) "Love... "Holding on to..."
"Light..."

Repeat verse (04:33)

Repeat chorus, until: (05:53)

Fm6/9 (1x0113)

"You..."

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e|-----3-----|-----1~-----|
B|-----1-----|-----1--|
G|-1-----|-----|
D|-0-----|-----|
A|-x-----|-----|
E|-1-----|-----|

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Coda: (06:02)

G9_ (3x323x)
(keyboard, arranged for guitar)

e		-----		-----
B		-8---7---6h7p6p5		-----
G		-----8---7---6---7--		-----
D		-----		-----
A		-----		-----
E		-----		-----

G9_ (3x323x)

e		-----		-----
B		-----0		-----
G		-----2		-0~
D		-5-----3		-----
A		-----		-----
E		-----		-----

G9_ (3x323x)
(keyboard, arranged for guitar)

e		-----		-----
B		-8---7---6h7p6p5		-----3
G		-----8---7---6---7--		-----0
D		-----		-----
A		-----		-----
E		-----		-----

G9_ (3x323x)

e		-----		-----
B		\1-----0		-----
G		-----		-----
D		-----		-----
A		-----		-----
E		-----		-----

G9_ (3x323x)
(keyboard, arranged for guitar)

e		-----		-----
B		-8---7---6h7p6p5		-----
G		-----8---7---6---7--		-----
D		-----		-----
A		-----		-----
E		-----		-----

G9_ (3x323x)

e		-----		-----
B		-----0		-----3
G		-----2		-----2
D		-5-----3		-----3
A		-----		-----
E		-----		-----3

(06:32)

G9_ (3x323x)

(keyboard, arranged for guitar)

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e|-----|-----|
B|-8---7---6h7p6p5-----|-----5~~~~~|
G|-----8---7---6---7--|-----4~~~~~|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

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G9_ (3x323x)

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e|-----|-----|
B|\3~-----|-----|
G|\2~-----|-----|
D|-----|-----0-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

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G_ (3x0033)

C_ (x32010)

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e|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|
G|-0-----0-----|-----|
D|-----0-----0--|-2-----0-----|
A|-----|-----3-----|
E|-----|-----|

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| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - | 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |

G

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e|-----|-----3-----|
B|-----|-----3-----|
G|-0-----|-----4-----|
D|-----0-----|5-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

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Fsus2_ (xx3023)

Gadd9

G

(06:53)

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e|-----3-----|-----5-----7-----|
B|-----1-----|-----3-----3-----8-----|
G|-----0-----|-----4-----7-----|
D|-3-----|5-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

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Gadd9

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e|-----17-----|-----|
B|-----15-----|-----|
G|-----16-----|-----|
D|-17-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|

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G5

(07:10)

e	-----	-----
B	-----	-----
G	-----	-----
D	4--/5--5--5-----5--5-----	4--/5--5--5-----5--5-----
A	4--/5--5--5-----5--5-----	4--/5--5--5-----5--5-----
E	2--/3--3--3-----3--3-----	2--/3--3--3-----3--3-----
1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & -		

G5

(07:10)

e	-----	-----
B	-----	-----
G	-----	-----
D	4--/5--5--5-----5--5-----	4--/5--5--5-----5--5-----
A	4--/5--5--5-----5--5-----	4--/5--5--5-----5--5-----
E	2--/3--3--3-----3--3-----	2--/3--3--3-----3--3-----

C5

D5

G5

e	-----	-----
B	-----	-----
G	5-----7--7--7--	-----
D	5-----7--7--7--	5-----5--5--5--
A	3--3--3--3--3--5--5--5--	5-----5--5--5--
E	-----	3--3--3--3--3--3--3--3--

C5

D5

G5

e	-----	-----
B	-----	-----
G	5-----7--7--7--	-----
D	5-----7--7--7--	5-----
A	3--3--3--3--3--5--5--5--	5-----
E	-----	3-----

Words & music by Bill Nelson