



PLAYING FOR CHANGE

## "The Weight"

*Written by The Band*

Gtr Intro

| A |

A            C#m            D            A  
I pulled in to Nazareth, I was feeling about half past dead.  
A            C#m            D            A  
I just need some place where I can lay my head.  
A            C#m            D            A  
"Hey, Mister, can you tell me where a man might find a bed?"  
A            C#m            D            A  
He just grinned, shook my hand, "No" was all he said.

A    A/G#    D  
Take a load off, Fanny.  
A    A/G#    D  
Take a load for free.  
A    A/G#    D  
Take a load off, Fanny.  
D    Dsus4 D            A  
And...And...And.you put the load right on me.

[Instrumental]

A    A/G#    F#m7    E    D



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A            C#m            D            A  
I picked up my bags I went looking for a place to hide.  
A            C#m            D            A  
When I saw Carmen and the devil walking side by side.  
A            C#m            D            A  
I said, "Hey, Carmen, come on. Let's go downtown."  
A            C#m            D            A  
She said, "I got to go, but my friend can stick around."

A   A/G#   D  
Take a load off, Fanny.  
A   A/G#   D  
Take a load for free.  
A   A/G#   D  
Take a load off, Fanny.  
D   Dsus4 D            A  
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[Instrumental]

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A                    C#m                    D                    A  
Go down, Miss Moses, there's nothing you can say.  
A                    C#m                    D                    A  
It's just old Luke, and Luke's waiting on the judgement day.  
A                    C#m                    D                    A  
"Well, Luke, my friend, what about young Anna Lee?"  
A                    C#m                    D                    A  
He said, "Do me a favor, son, won't you stay and keep Anna Lee company."

A    A/G#    D  
Take a load off, Fanny.  
A    A/G#    D  
Take a load for free.  
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Take a load off, Fanny.  
D    Dsus4 D                    A  
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[Instrumental]

A/G# F#m7 E D

[Strings Solos]

| A                    C#m                    D                    A | x4

| A                    D                    A                    D |

| A                    D                    D                    D |

| A/G#                    F#m7                    E                    D |



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A C#m D A  
Crazy Chester followed me and he caught me in the fog.

A C#m D A  
He said, "I will fix your rack, if you'll take Jack my dog."

A C#m D A  
I said, "Wait a minute, Chester. You know I'm a peaceful man."

A C#m D A  
He said, "That's okay, boy. Won't you feed him when you can?"

A A/G# D  
Take a load off, Fanny.

A A/G# D  
Take a load for free.

A A/G# D  
Take a load off, Fanny.

D Dsus4 D A  
And...And...And you put the load right on me.

[Instrumental]

A/G# F#m7 E D x2



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A C#m D A  
Get your cannonball now, to take me down the line.  
A C#m D A  
My bag is sinking low, and I do believe it's time  
A C#m D A  
To get back to Miss Fanny. You know she's the only one  
A C#m D A  
Who sent me here with her regards for everyone.

A A/G# D  
Take a load off, Fanny.  
A A/G# D  
Take a load for free.  
A A/G# D  
Take a load off, Fanny.  
D Dsus4 D A  
And...And...And.you put the load right on me.

Outro [Instrumental]

A/G# F#m7 E D x 2

End in D