



JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar
Refuge of the Roads

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Intro:

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1st verse:

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I met a friend of spirit

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A drunk with sage's eyes

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And I sat before his sanity

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I was holding back from crying

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He saw my complications

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And he mirrored me back simplified

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And we laughed how our perfection

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Would always be denied

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Heart and humor and humility

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He said will lighten up your heavy load

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I left him then for the refuge of the roads

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Verse 2:

I fell in with some drifters
Cast upon a beachtown
Winn Dixie cold cuts and highway hand me downs
And I wound up fixing dinner
For them and Boston Jim
I well up with affection
Thinking back down the roads to then
The nets were overflowing
In the Gulf of Mexico

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They were overflowing in the refuge of the roads

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Verse 3:

There was spring along the ditches
There were good times in the cities
Oh, radiant happiness
It was all so light and easy
Till I started analyzing
And I brought on my old ways
A thunderhead of judgment was
Gathering in my gaze
And it made most people nervous
They just didn't want to know

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What I was seeing in the refuge of the roads

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Verse 4:

I pulled off into a forest
Crickets clicking in the fern
Like a wheel of fortune
I heard my fate turn, turn turn
And I went running down a white sand road
I was running like a white-assed deer
Running to lose the blues
To the innocence in here
These are the clouds of Michelangelo
Muscular with gods and sungold

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Shine on your witness in the refuge of the roads.

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Verse 5:

In a highway service station
Over the month of June
Was a photograph of the earth
Taken coming back from the moon
And you couldn't see a city
On that marbled bowling ball
Or a forest or a highway
Or me here least of all
You couldn't see these cold water restrooms
Or this baggage overload

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Westbound and rolling taking refuge in the roads.

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