

# Stay On The Ride

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Little old man, little old man staring down the road  
Waiting on the bus, he's getting kinda cold  
Bus finally gets there, he got nowhere to sit down  
And the driver said, "You can stand right here behind me or wait for the next one to come around"  
And the old man says, "That's okay, I'll stand  
I might look like a little old man to you  
But I've been riding this bus for years and years and years  
I don't even know where it's going to"  
And the driver says, "You don't know where this bus is going to?"  
Old man says, "No, I don't, do you?"  
Driver says, "You don't know where this bus is going to?"  
Old man says, "I just want it to get me through  
Hey, I'm staying on the ride, it's gonna take me somewhere  
Staying on the ride, it's gonna take me somewhere  
Somewhere, somewhere, somewhere, somewhere"

The bus is rolling along, outside it's looking kinda strange  
The Earth is shaking, the clouds are breaking  
Everything is blue where it was gray  
A thousand rivers flood over fields of snow  
The driver looks back in the mirror for the old man  
"Where did he go, where did he go?  
Oh, there he is  
Hey, old man, old man, old man, you still don't know?"  
And the old man says, "No, I don't son, but I'm happy to go"  
Hey, "I'm staying on the ride, it's gonna take me somewhere"  
Hey, he said, "I'm staying on the ride, it's gonna take me somewhere  
Somewhere, somewhere, somewhere, somewhere"

I was born with no name, knowing nothing, still I don't  
Somebody said, 'You need a name, I'm gonna give you a name'  
And I said, 'No, you won't,' I said, 'No, you won't'"  
Oh, "You can let me off here, son, thank you for the ride"  
And the driver said, "This is the middle of nowhere, sir,"  
He pulls off to the side  
And the old man says, "It might look that way to you, maybe it is"  
Old man says, "It might look that way to you, son, maybe it is,"  
And he says, "Stay on the ride, it's gonna take you somewhere,"  
Hey, hey, he said, "Stay on the ride, it's gonna take you somewhere"

Somewhere, somewhere, somewhere, somewhere  
It always takes you somewhere, gonna take you somewhere  
It always takes you somewhere, gotta take you somewhere  
It always takes you somewhere, gonna take you somewhere  
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