

Browne Jackson

"Stay Load Out"

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STAY

Jackson Browne

(by Maurice Williams)

People stay just a little bit longer

We want to play -- just a little bit longer

Now the promoter don't mind

And the union don't mind

If we take a little time

And we leave it all behind and sing

One more song--

THE LOAD-OUT

Jackson Browne

(by Jackson Browne & Bryan Garofalo)

Now the seats are all empty

Let the roadies take the stage

Pack it up and tear it down

They're the first to come and last to leave

Working for that minimum wage

They'll set it up in another town

Tonight the people were so fine

They waited there in line

And when they got up on their feet they made the show

And that was sweet--

But I can hear the sound

Of slamming doors and folding chairs

And that's a sound they'll never know

Now roll them cases out and lift them amps

Haul them trusses down and get'em up them ramps

'Cause when it comes to moving me

You guys are the champs

But when that last guitar's been packed away

You know that I still want to play

So just make sure you got it all set to go

Before you come for my piano

But the band's on the bus

And they're waiting to go

We've got to drive all night and do a show in Chicago

or Detroit, I don't know

We do so many shows in a row

And these towns all look the same

We just pass the time in our hotel rooms

And wander 'round backstage

Till those lights come up and we hear that crowd

And we remember why we came

Now we got country and western on the bus

R and B, we got disco in eight tracks and cassettes in stereo

We've got rural scenes & magazines
We've got truckers on the CB
We've got Richard Pryor on the video
We got time to think of the ones we love
While the miles roll away
But the only time that seems too short
Is the time that we get to play
People you've got the power over what we do
You can sit there and wait
Or you can pull us through
Come along, sing the song
You know you can't go wrong
'Cause when that morning sun comes beating down
You're going to wake up in your town
But we'll be scheduled to appear
A thousand miles away from here

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