

Thinking Now and Then About Ohio

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Time 4/4 — Key C — Capo V

INTRO: G D/F# Em (d) C G/B Am7 D

1. G D/F# Em (d)
I been here in this city nearly twenty years
- C G/B Am7 D
Saying that I'd never go back again
- G D/F# Em (d)
Always mulling through my mind all those old hates and fears
- F C Dsus D
And how things used to be way back then
- C C G/B Am
But I'm living here in Tokyo
- G C
Thinking now and then about Ohio
- G C Dsus D
Wondering if I should have gone back home
- C C G/B Am
But the memories return to say
- G C
You never could have lived that way
- G C G
And things just might be better left alone

2. Back in my hometown there is a steel mill
It's the only thing that kept the town alive
And my daddy had a house sitting high on a hill
With grass in the lawn and flowers along the drive
But now here I am in Tokyo
Thinking 'bout that house in Ohio
And remembering the night I went away
I said, "There's nothing in this town for me."
Then I sailed away on the seven seas
With my mom and dad both begging me to stay

3. The mill shut down last year but it's still standing there
The stores all closed, the people moved away
But why'd they go? Didn't anyone really care?
I wish'd they hadn't gone but then who am I to say?
'Cause I've spent all these years in Tokyo
Thinking how it used to be in Ohio
And wondering why I never went back home
Now there's nothing left to go home for
And it'd never be the same like it was before
So things just might be better left alone

C C G/B Am
CODA: Now I'm sitting here in Tokyo

G C
Thinking back about Ohio

G C D G
And wondering if I ever should've gone