

The Bright Road

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(tune guitar down ½ step)

Intro: Em C D Em

Em C
Climbing up Mt. History through the clouds and rain
Em D
Seems like ages that I've had to roam,
Em Am
Push ahead then trip and fall then get back up again,
Em B7
Looking for the way that leads back home,
Em C|
Looking for the Bright Road
D Em
Bright Road

Em C
Two roads diverged deep in the woods and I heard the poet say
Em D
Which one you choose makes all the difference
Em Am
But when a flower greets the sun it can only bloom one way
Em B7
And it's not a matter of coincidence
Em C
Bright Road
D Em
Bright Road

Chorus 1

Am
One road promised me delights
Em
The other misery
Am
But neither of those roads were bright
C B7
So they led to the same destiny.

Em C
Trying to find a shortcut home, I crossed a living stream
Em D
But I slipped and fell while stepping on a stone
Em Am
My wish to rise above it all seemed like a hollow dream
Em B7
The icy water soaked me to the bone

Em C
Bright Road
D Em
Bright Road

Em C
The current took me down and down, it didn't help to swim
Em D
I felt anger, pride and jealousy and greed
Em Am
The worldly pleasures I indulged on every passing whim
Em B7
And I strove against my brothers to succeed

Em C
Looking for the Bright Road
D Em
Bright Road

Chorus 2

Am
The more I struggled to get free
Em
The tighter were my chains
Am
The way home kept eluding me
C B7
The more I sought to gain

Em C
The sun had gone down in the West, I sat down and cried
Em D
I realized I'd never be released
Em Am
From the mess I'd made by doing things without a proper guide
Em B7
Then a golden beam of light came from the East
Em C
Showing me the Bright Road
D Em
Bright Road

Em C
The Road to Life stretched out for miles, I wiped away the tears
Em D
It was smooth and straight but narrow as a thread,
Em Am
It was always right before my eyes, all those painful years
Em B7
I couldn't see it for the notions in my head
Em C
Bright Road
D Em
Bright Road

Chorus 3

Am
Every road I thought was bright
Em
Had a dark side too
Am
Everything I thought was right
C B7
Turned out was just half true
Em C
Once you find the way back home no matter what transpires
Em D
Keep walking on that road and do not stray
Em Am
Be truthful, kind and tolerant, restrain selfish desires
Em B7
And choose a noble role in this great play.
Em C
Bright Road
D Em
Bright Road

