

## The Necessary Understanding

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Intro:

It's imperative that I live my purpose. Because living a life of circumstance is like living on the dole or on life's handouts. So, I talk with my creator like we're boys. I break it down where it's real for me, to let him know I'm out here in the cold, on the dole, and on the whole, life just seems too demanding....repeat

Verse 1:

Yo, "G," Why is one day up and the next day down, one peg square and another one round; people on the street without a place to live and rich folk with plenty of money refusing to give? And why is one man black and another one white, the budget so loose and my money tight; so much abundance in the USA and little babies starving just around the way.

The common response is only heaven knows. While most settle for that, I'm not one of those. I'm not one to settle for that's the way that it is, there's a reason for it all, and just as sure as I live, I've got to have...

Background:

The necessary understanding  
To rise above the strife;  
The necessary understanding,  
You've got to have sound advice  
The necessary understanding,  
On the ways of life

Cause if I don't, I'm out here in the cold, on the dole, and on the whole, life just seems too demanding.

Verse 2:

Sitting all alone a few years ago in a business that was failing cause I had no dough, I had a gun and a bottle and a troubled mind, contemplated leaving this world behind. I'm not a quitter and I sure ain't weak. I'm a man, and none is fitter when I'm at my peak. In every life, rain must fall, but there were times when I wondered if I'd see the sun at all!

I've always worked hard and gave it my best try; but no matter what I did I couldn't understand why on my back and in a crack I'd always end up landing, until I heard a voice say, "Son, you need some understanding." Said, "Son, turn aside and listen to me.

You every heard of a thing called a destiny? Well, it's the thing you came to do when you descended the ladder, and - until you see it through - nothing else will matter. You can try other things - spinning your wheels, earning a check but you can bet that you won't be fulfilled. But I can tell so very well that you're ready to quit biding time and realign. So, I'm here to help you get what you need.

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To make it in this world, knowledge is diamonds and wisdom is pearls. I got the platinum and the gold but, in my soul, life just seems too demanding.

Bridge:

I've got to drop this on the creator like it's hot; because, no matter what I do, I haven't seen a breakthrough. But I'm not about to give up. Oh no! I just need the necessary understanding.

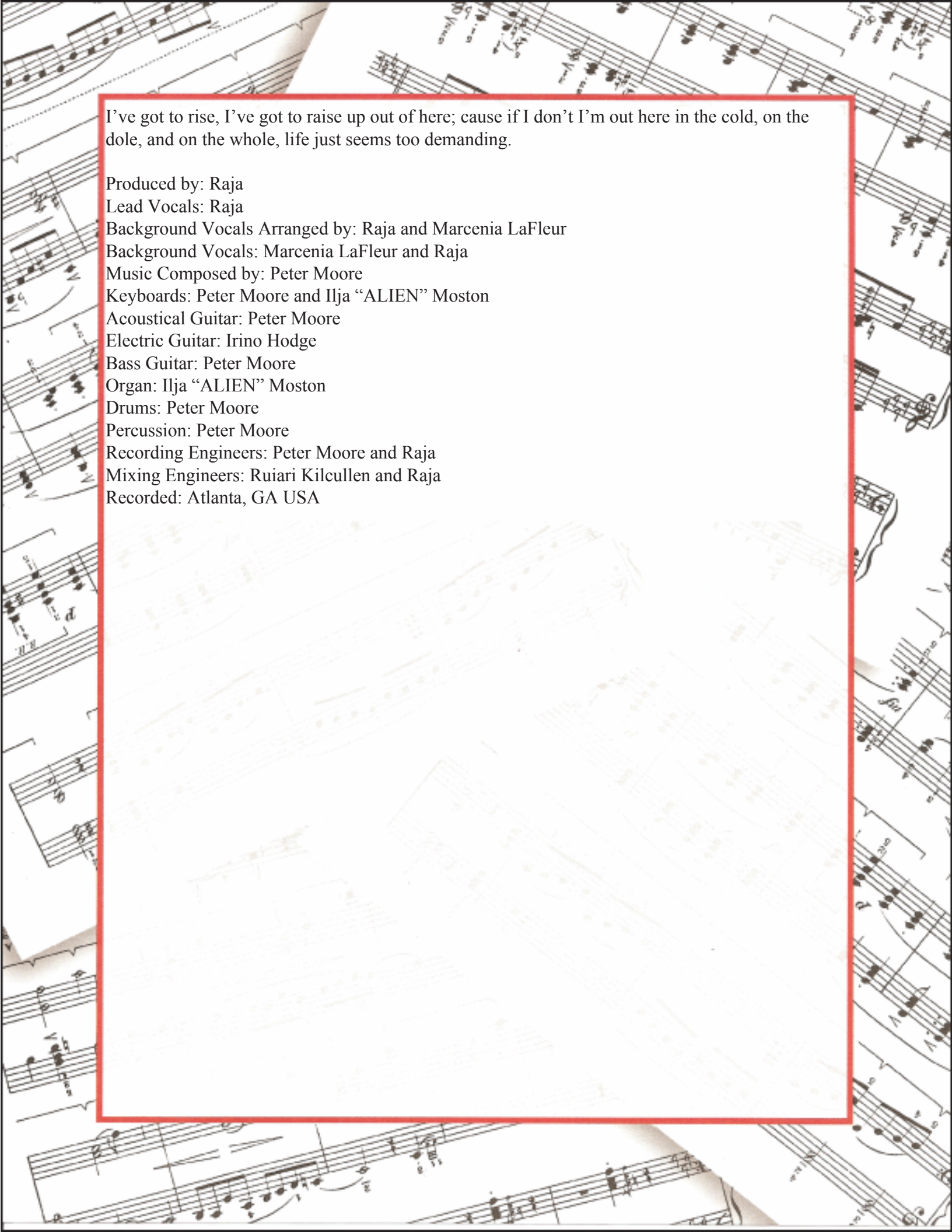
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Then he said, "You've got to roll with the punches and go with the flow, and maintain your balance if you're planning to grow. Don't allow your emotions to color what is cause too high or too low will land you on the skids. Cause what you see when you're angry is hardly the truth, and what you see when you're hyped will send you through the roof. So keep your cool, don't be a fool and let life pass you by; and when your peace finds its release you'll be ready to fly.

When you learn to ride the waves - the highs and the lows - and regulate your thinking, cause your energy flows to the place or the thing that commands your attention. In case you didn't know, I'll take the time to mention you've got to know why you're here, what you're living for, understand the games you're playing, keep track of the score, cause when your time is over and all is said and done, you've got to answer for yourself, cause you're the only one who could have got the necessary understanding."

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The background of the image is a collage of various musical sheet music staves, some overlapping and some faded, creating a textured, artistic backdrop. The staves contain notes, clefs, and other musical notations.

I've got to rise, I've got to raise up out of here; cause if I don't I'm out here in the cold, on the dole, and on the whole, life just seems too demanding.

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