

Keep Me Turning – Pete Townshend

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Key: G **Notes:** Two guitarists on this, original has the lead guitar playing with a Capo: 5th fret. This version is for one guitarist and no capo.

[Verse 1]

G C/G G
River's getting higher
G C/G G
No wood for the fire
G C/G G
They saw the messiah
D
But I guess I missed him again
C/G* G G/G G
That brings my score to a hundred and ten

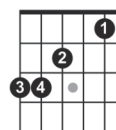
[Verse 2]

G C/G G
The water's getting clo - ser
G C/G G
Better ring up the gro - cer
G C/G G
Stack up the po - ta - toes
D
Oh, Jack are you ever coming back
C/G* G C/G G
Will your operatic soul turn black?

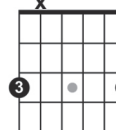
[Chorus]

D
Keep me turning, (oh keep me on)
C
Keep me burning, (for your sun)
D
Keep me turning
C G C/G G
Don't you leave me till the very last
D
Keep me turning, (I'm hanging on)
C
Stop me yearning, (I've had enough)
D
Keep me turning
C D G C/G G
While I hand in my back - stage pass

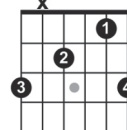
C/G*



G



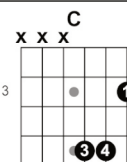
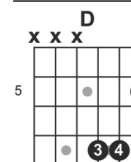
C/G



[Verse 3]

G C/G G
Children are smiling
G C/G G
Parents are wining
G C/G G
Bow tie tying
D
For the big day ahead real soon
C/G* G C/G G
Is there really gonna be no room

[Alternate Chords]



[Verse 4]

G C/G G
I've got a ticket
G C/G G
Just gotta get past the picket
G C/G G
They say that the trick is...
G D
...to walk in backwards. Like your walking out
C/G* G C/G G
I guess the lord's wearing glasses now

[Chorus]

[Solo]

G D C G

[Chorus]

G C/G G
G C/G G
Keep me turning
G C/G G
Keep me turning

[Closing] [Fade Out] [4x]

G C/G G
turning, turning, turning, turning, tuuuur - ning

[Solo]

E | -7-7-7-/8-7-7---7-7-7-/8-7-10---7-7-7-7-/8---7-7-7-7-/8-7-7--2-2-3-0-2-2- |
B | -8-8-8-/9-8-8---8-8-8-/9-8-12---8-8-8-8-/9---8-8-8-8-/9-8-8--3-3-3-3-0- |
G | -7-7-7-/8-7-7---7-7-7-/8-7-12---7-7-7-7-/8---7-7-7-7-/8-7-7--2-2-2-0-2-2- |
D | ----- |
A | ----- |
E | ----- |