

Key: #^b **Capo:** **Notes:** "The Motorcycle Song" is a folk and comedic talking blues song by American singer-songwriter Arlo Guthrie. It was originally released on his 1967 album, *Alice's Restaurant*, with an extended version released on his 1968 live studio album, *Arlo Guthrie*. Guthrie further expanded on the song, with "The Motorcycle Song-an Education" on his 2005 live album *Live in Sydney* and with "The Unbelievable Motorcycle Tale" on his 2009 live album *Tales of '69*. The song includes a humorous rhyme scheme, with extended versions providing exaggerated storytelling elements.

Later version performed with a Drop D tuning and a baseline beat.

[Chorus 1]

G
I don't want a pickle
C G
I just wanna ride on my motorsickle
G
And I don't want a tickle
C G
I'd rather ride on my motorsickle
G
And I don't wanna die
C G
I just wanna ride on my motorcy... cle

[Verse 1]

G
It was late last night, the other day
C G
Thought I'd go up and see Ray
G
So I went up and I saw Ray
C G
There was only one thing Ray could say was I...

[Chorus 2]

G
I don't want a pickle
C G
I just wanna ride my motorsickle
G
And I don't want a tickle
C G
I'd rather ride on my motorsickle
G
And I don't wanna die
C G
Just wanna ride on my motorcy... cle

[Verse 1]

G
Late last week I was on my bike
C G
I run into a friend named Mike
G
Run into a friend named Mike
C G
Mike no longer has a bike he cries

[Chorus 3]

G
I don't want a pickle
C G
I just wanna ride on my motorsickle
G
Yeah, and I don't want a tickle
C G
'Cause I'd rather ride on my motorsickle
G
And I don't wanna die
C G
Just wanna ride on my motorcy... cle