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# Carry On

**CARRY ON** is a song for our times that owes a profound debt to Leonard Cohen. Although dark, it is infused with a stoic optimism to persevere through the darkness.

The backstory is that I was asked to open a local town hall last summer with a song. I was feeling depressed about the madness that was engulfing every aspect of life at the time and intended to honestly express my distress and despair—holding nothing back. I was surprised by the underlying hope that infused the song from the first chorus.

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# CARRY ON (*capo 2<sup>nd</sup>*)

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*Am E7 Am E7 —*

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When anger falls like iron bars and only hope escapes,  
*Am E7 Am E7*  
And gluttony delights in the innocence it rapes,  
*Am E7 C Dm7*  
And a prince comes collecting for the promises he breaks,  
*C E7*  
Carry on, carry on.

*Am E7 Am E7*  
When freedom feasts on broken dreams, foreclosing on its lies,  
*Am E7 Am E7*  
And senators are chained at auction, naked in disguise,  
*Am E7 C Dm7*  
And redemption pawns its soul again to buy them alibies,  
*C E7*  
Carry on, carry on.

*F C*  
Carry on, carry on,  
*Am E7 Am E7*  
Trudging through despair and darkness after hope is gone.  
*F C*  
Carry on, carry on,  
*Dm7 E7 F E7*  
Trust your heart to lead the journey, you will find the dawn—  
*Am Am7 Dm7 E7*  
Carry on.

*Am E7 Am E7*  
When Abraham keeps killing sons and God has left the scene,  
*Am E7 Am E7*  
And ministers are flown in to debate the ways and means,  
*Am E7 C Dm7*  
And Sophia, she is shot on sight for trying to intervene,  
*C E7 Am E7 Am E7 —*  
Carry on, carry on, carry on...

*Am* *E7* *Am* *E7*  
When friends have become strangers and when strangers are your friends,  
*Am* *E7* *Am* *E7*  
When cruelty preaches honesty and love seeks its revenge,  
*Am* *E7* *C* *Dm7*  
When you come to the beginning just to see it never ends,  
*C* *E7*  
Carry on, carry on.

*F* *C*  
Carry on, carry on,  
*E7* *Am*  
Carry on, carry on,  
*Dm7* *E7* —  
Carry on.

*F* *C*  
For a prophet's voice has spoken,  
*F* *C*  
A messiah has been broken,  
*F* *G*  
And a dharma's been awoken,  
*C* *E7*  
Carry on.

*F* *C*  
So we care for one another,  
*F* *C*  
Like a sister, like a brother,  
*F* *G*  
Like a father, like a mother,  
*C* *Am7* *E7* —  
Carry on.

*Am* *E7* *Am* *E7*  
When anger falls like iron bars and only hope escapes,  
*Am* *E7* *Am* *E7*  
And gluttony delights in the innocence it rapes,  
*Am* *E7* *C* *Dm7*  
And a prince comes collecting for the promises he breaks,  
*C* *E7*  
Carry on, carry on.

*F C*  
Carry on, carry on,  
*Am E7 Am E7*  
Trudging through despair and darkness after hope is gone.

*F C*  
Carry on, carry on,  
*Dm7 E7 F E7*  
Trust your heart to lead the journey, you will find the dawn—

*C Am7 Dm7 E7*  
Carry on. Yes...

*Dm7 E7 F G*  
Trust your heart to lead the journey, you will find the dawn—

*C Am7 Dm7 G7*  
Carry on.

*C Am7 Dm7 G7*  
Carry on.

*C Am7 Dm7 G7 C*  
Carry on.