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#### APPENDIX I

#### **Back Home Again**

There's a storm across the valley, clouds are rollin' in The afternoon is heavy on your shoulders There's a truck out on the four lane a mile or more away The whinin' of his wheels just makes it colder

He's an hour away from ridin' on your prayers up in the sky And ten days on the road are barely gone There's a fire softly burnin', supper's on the stove But it's the light in your eyes that makes him warm

Hey it's good to be back home again Sometimes this old farm feels like a long-lost friend Yes 'n' hey, it's good to be back home again

There's all the news to tell him, how'd you spend your time What's the latest thing the neighbors say And your mother called last Friday, 'Sunshine' • made her cry You felt the baby move just yesterday

Hey it's good to be back home again - yes it is Sometimes this old farm feels like a long-lost friend Yes 'n' hey, it's good to be back home again

Oh the time that I can lay this tired old body down Feel your fingers feather soft upon me The kisses that I live for, the love that lights my way The happiness that that livin' with you brings me

It's the sweetest thing I know of, just spending time with you It's the little things that make a house a home Like a fire softly burnin' supper on the stove The light in your eyes that makes me warm

Hey it's good to be back home again Sometimes this old farm feels like a long-lost friend Yes 'n' hey, it's good to be back home again

Hey it's good to be back home again - you know it is Sometimes this old farm feels like a long-lost friend Hey, it's good to be back home again I said hey it's good to be back home again

This song appears on fifteen albums, and was first released on the Back Home Again Album, and has also been released on the Favourites, the Greatest Hits Vol 2, Voice of America, John Denver (Italian), The Very Best of John Denver (Double CD), The Rocky Mountain Collection, The Country Roads Collection and Country Classics Albums. Live versions appear on the Live In London, the Live at the Sydney Opera House, The Wildlife Concert and The Best of John Denver Live Albums. An updated studio version also appears on the Love Again and A Celebration of Life Albums.

#### **Rocky Mountain High**

He was born in the summer of his 27th year Comin' home to a place he'd never been before He left yesterday behind him, you might say he was born again You might say he found a key for every door

When he first came to the mountains his life was far away On the road and hangin' by a song But the string's already broken and he doesn't really care It keeps changin' fast and it don't last for long

But the Colorado Rocky Mountain high I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky The shadow from the starlight is softer than a lullabye Rocky Mountain high (high Colorado) Rocky Mountain high (high Colorado)

He climbed cathedral mountains, he saw silver clouds below He saw everything as far as you can see And they say he got crazy once, and he tried to touch the sun And he lost a friend but kept his memory

Now he walks in quiet solitude the forests and the streams Seeking grace in every step he takes His sight has turned inside himself to try and understand The serenity of a clear blue mountain lake

And the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
You can talk to God and listen to the casual reply
Rocky Mountain high (high Colorado) Rocky Mountain high (high Colorado)

Now his life is full of wonder but his heart still knows some fear Of a simple thing he cannot comprehend Why they try to tear the mountains down to bring in a couple more More people, more scars upon the land

And the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
I know he'd be a poorer man if he never saw an eagle fly
Rocky Mountain high

It's a Colorado Rocky Mountain high
I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
Friends around the campfire and everybody's high
Rocky Mountain high (high Colorado) Rocky Mountain high (high Colorado)
Rocky Mountain high (high Colorado) Rocky Mountain high do de do

This song appears on twenty-one albums, and was first released on the Rocky Mountain High Album. This version has also been released on This Is John Denver, The Country Roads Collection and The Rocky Mountain Collection Albums. It has been rerecorded on the Greatest Hits Vol 1, Take Me Home Country Roads & Other Hits, Favourites, Voice of America, John Denver (Italian) and Country Classics Albums. It has been rerecorded again on the Earth Songs, The Very Best of John Denver (Single CD), A Portrait and The John Denver Collection - Rocky Mountain High Albums. It has been rerecorded again on the Love Again and A Celebration of Life Albums. Live versions also appear on the An Evening with John Denver, Live at the Sydney Opera House, The Wildlife Concert and The Best of John Denver Live Albums.

#### **Sunshine on My Shoulders**

Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry Sunshine on the water looks so lovely Sunshine almost always makes me high

If I had a day that I could give you I'd give to you a day just like today
If I had a song that I could sing for you
I'd sing a song to make you feel this way

Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry Sunshine on the water looks so lovely Sunshine almost always makes me high If I had a tale that I could tell you I'd tell a tale sure to make you smile If I had a wish that I could wish for you I'd make a wish for sunshine all the while

Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry Sunshine on the water looks so lovely Sunshine almost always makes me high Sunshine almost all the time makes me high Sunshine almost always

This song appears on twenty-one albums, and was first released on the Poems, Prayers and Promises album. This version has also been released on The Very Best of John Denver (Double CD), This Is John Denver, Reflections: Songs of Love and Life, The Country Roads Collection and The Rocky Mountain Collection albums. It has been rerecorded on the Greatest Hits Vol 1, Take Me Home Country Roads & Other Hits, Favourites, Voice of America, John Denver (Italian) and Country Classics. It has been rerecorded again on the Earth Songs, The Very Best of John Denver (Single CD), The John Denver Collection - Sunshine on My Shoulder and A Portrait albums, and again on the Love Again and A Celebration of Life albums. Live versions also appear on the Live in London, The Wildlife Concert and The Best of JohnDenverLivealbums.

#### Take Me Home, Country Roads

Almost heaven, West Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River Life is older, Older than the trees Younger than the mountains, Growin' like a breeze

Country Roads, take me home To the place I belong West Virginia, mountain momma Take me home, country roads

All my memories gathered "round her Miner's lady, stranger to blue water Dark and dusty, painted on the sky Misty taste of moonshine Teardrops in my eye

Country Roads, take me home To the place I belong West Virginia, mountain momma Take me home, country roads

I hear her voice
In the mornin' hour she calls me
The radio reminds me of my home far away
And drivin' down the road I get a feelin'
That I should have been home yesterday, yesterday

Country Roads, take me home To the place I belong West Virginia, mountain momma Take me home, country roads

Country Roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain momma
Take me home, country roads
Take me home, now country roads
Take me home, now country roads

This song appears on twenty-one albums, and was first released on the

Poems, Prayers and Promises album. This version has also been released on The Very

Best of John Denver (Double CD), This Is John Denver, The Country Roads

Collection and The Rocky Mountain Collection albums. It has been rerecorded on the

Greatest Hits Vol 1, Take Me Home Country Roads & Other Hits, Changes,

Favourites, Voice of America, John Denver (Italian) and Country Classics albums. It

has been rerecorded again on the A Portrait and The John Denver Collection - Take

Me Home, Country Roads albums, and again on the Love Again and A Celebration of

Life albums. Live versions also appear on the An Evening with John Denver, Live in

London, Live at the Sydney Opera House, The Wildlife Concert and The Best of John

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# APPENDIX II

# **Back Home Again**

NO	LYRIC	FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE
1	There's a storm across the valley, clouds	Personification
	are rollin' in (1); He's an hour away from	
	ridin' on your prayers up in the sky (5);	
	The happiness that livin' with you brings	
	me (22)	
2	The whinin' of his wheels just makes it	Synecdoche
	colder (4)	
3	Sometimes this old farm feels like a long-	Simile
	lost friend (10); It's the little things that	
	make a house a home (24), Like a fire	
	softly burnin' supper on the stove (25)	
4	The afternoon is heavy on your shoulders	Hyperbole
	(2); But it's the light in your eyes that	
	makes him warm (8); It's the sweetest	
	thing I know of, just spending time with	
	you	
5	The kisses that I live for, the love that	Metaphor

	lights my way (21)	
6	Hey, it's good to be back home again (32), I said hey it's good to be back home again (33)	Repetition
7	There's a fire softly burnin', supper's on  the stove (7); Feel your fingers feather  soft upon me (20)	Understatement
8	There's all the news to tell him, how'd you spend your time (12); And your mother called last Friday, 'Sunshine' made her cry (14)	Assonance

# **Rocky Mountain High**

NO	LYRIC	FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE
1	He was born in the summer of his 27th year (1); Comin' home to a place he'd never been before (2); He left yesterday behind him, you might say he was born again (3); You might say he found a key	Personification

	for every door (4); When he first came to	
	the mountains his life was far away (5);	
	But the string's already broken and he	
	doesn't really care (7); He saw everything	
	as far as you can see (14); And he lost a	
	friend but kept his memory (16); Now his	
	life is full of wonder but his heart still	
	knows some fear (25)	
2	It keeps changin' fast and it don't last for	Anaphora
	long (8); More people, more scars upon	
	the land (28)	
3	I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky (10); And	Hyperbole
	they say he got crazy once, and he tried to	
	touch the sun (15); You can talk to God	
	and listen to the casual reply (23)	
4	I know he'd be a poorer man if he never	Understatement
	saw an eagle fly (31)	
5	Rocky Mountain high (high Colorado)	Repetition
	Rocky Mountain high (high Colorado)	
	(12)	
6	He climbed cathedral mountains, he saw	Anaphora and

	silver clouds below (13)	Personification
7	Now he walks in quiet solitude the forests	Personification and
	and the streams (17)	Assonance
8	His sight has turned inside himself to try	Alliteration
	and understand (19); Why they try to tear	
	the mountains down to bring in a couple	
	more (27)	
9	The shadow from the starlight is softer	Metaphor
	than a lullabye (11)	

# Sunshine on My Shoulders

NO	LYRIC	FIGURATIVE
		LANGUAGE
1	Sunshine on my shoulders makes me	Anaphora, Assonance,
	happy (1); Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry (2); Sunshine on the water looks so lovely (3)	and Hyperbole
2	Sunshine almost always makes me high  (4)	Hyperbole
3	If I had a day that I could give you (5)	Anaphora

I'd give to you a day just like today (6)	Simile
If I had a tale that I could tell you (13)	Anaphora and Assonance
I'd tell a tale sure to make you smile (14)	Alliteration
If I had a wish that I could wish for you	Anaphora and Epiphora
(15)	
	If I had a tale that I could tell you (13)  I'd tell a tale sure to make you smile (14)  If I had a wish that I could wish for you

# **Take Me Home, Country Roads**

NO	LYRIC	FIGURATIVE
		LANGUAGE
1	Almost heaven, West Virginia (1)	Hyperbole
2	Life is older, Older than the trees (3)	Metaphor
3	Younger than the mountains, Growin' like a breeze (4)	Metaphor and Simile
4	West Virginia, Mountain momma (7);  Miner's lady, stranger to blue water  (10); Misty taste of moonshine,  Teardrops in my eye (12)	Assonance
5	All my memories gathered round her  (9); Dark and dusty, painted on the  sky (11); The radio reminds me of my	Personification

	home far away (18)	
6	I hear her voice in the morning hour she calls me (17)	Alliteration
7	That I should have been home yesterday, yesterday (20); Take me home, now country roads (29); Take me home, now country roads (30)	Repetition

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