

## Castle on the Hill Ed Sheeran

When I was six years old, I broke my leg.  
I was running from my brother and his friends  
And tasted the sweet perfume of the mountain grass as I rolled down.  
I was younger then. Take me back to when  
I found my heart and broke it here,  
Made friends and lost them through the years.  
And I've not seen the roaring fields in so long.  
I know I've grown,  
But I can't wait to go home.<sup>1</sup>

I'm on my way,  
Driving at ninety down those country lanes,  
Singing to "Tiny Dancer."<sup>2</sup>  
And I miss the way you make me feel—it's real.  
We watched the sunset over the castle on the hill.

Fifteen years old and smoking hand-rolled cigarettes  
Running from the law<sup>3</sup> through the backfields and getting drunk with my friends  
Had my first kiss on a Friday night—I don't reckon<sup>4</sup> that I did it right.  
I was younger then. Take me back to when  
We found weekend jobs. When we got paid,  
We'd buy cheap spirits<sup>5</sup> and drink them straight.<sup>6</sup>  
Me and my friends<sup>7</sup> have not thrown up<sup>8</sup> in so long—oh, how we've grown.  
But I can't wait to go home.

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<sup>1</sup> This song is about Ed Sheeran's hometown in England. He says it's a small town "in the middle of nowhere."

<sup>2</sup> "Tiny Dancer" is a song by Elton John.

<sup>3</sup> *running from the law* = running from the police

<sup>4</sup> *I don't reckon* = I don't think

<sup>5</sup> *spirits* = alcohol

<sup>6</sup> *straight* = not mixed with a non-alcoholic liquid—for example, not mixed with water, soda, or fruit juice

<sup>7</sup> Correct English is "My friends and I."

<sup>8</sup> *have not thrown up* = have not vomited

I'm on my way,  
Driving at ninety down those country lanes,  
Singing to "Tiny Dancer."  
And I miss the way you make me feel—it's real.  
We watched the sunset over the castle on the hill,  
Over the castle on the hill,  
Over the castle on the hill.

One friend left to sell clothes.  
One works down by the coast.  
One had two kids but lives alone.  
One's brother overdosed.<sup>9</sup>  
One's already on his second wife.  
One's just barely getting by.<sup>10</sup>  
But these people raised me, and I can't wait to go home.

I'm on my way. I still remember  
These old country lanes  
When we did not know the answers.  
And I miss the way you make me feel—it's real.  
We watched the sunset over the castle on the hill,  
Over the castle on the hill,  
Over the castle on the hill.

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<sup>9</sup> *overdosed* = took too much of a drug

<sup>10</sup> to barely get by = to have just enough money to live, but no extra money