

"Another Day Of Sun"
by Justin Hurwitz, Benj Pasek, and Justin Paul

I think about that day
I left him at a Greyhound station¹
West of Santa Fe²
We were seventeen, but he was sweet and it was true
Still I did what I had to do
'Cause I just knew

Summer Sunday nights
We'd sink into our seats
Right as they dimmed out all the lights
A Technicolor³ world made out of music and machine
It called me to be on that screen
And live inside each scene

Without a nickel to my name⁴
Hopped a bus,⁵ here I came
I could be brave or just insane

We'll have to see

'Cause maybe in that sleepy town
He'll sit one day, the lights are down
He'll see my face and think of how he used to know me

Climb these hills⁶
I'm reaching for the heights
And chasing all the lights that shine
And when they let you down
You'll get up off the ground
'Cause morning rolls around⁷

¹ *Greyhound station* = bus station (Greyhound is a bus company in the US.)

² *Santa Fe* = Santa Fe, New Mexico, a city about 1,400 km east of Los Angeles

³ *Technicolor* = a process for making movies in color. It is called *Technicolor* because the men who developed it were graduates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The first movie in Technicolor was made in 1917.

⁴ *without a nickel to my name* = with no money

⁵ *hopped a bus* = got on a bus

⁶ *these hills* = the hills that surround the city of Los Angeles

⁷ *morning rolls around* = morning comes

And it's another day of sun⁸

I hear 'em every day
The rhythms in the canyons
That'll never fade away
The ballads in the barrooms
Left by those who came before
They say, "You gotta⁹ want it more"
So I bang on every door

And even when the answer's "no"
Or when my money is running low¹⁰
The dusty mic¹¹ and neon glow
Are all I need

And someday as I sing my song
A small-town kid'll come along
That'll be the thing to push him on and go go

Climb these hills
I'm reaching for the heights
And chasing all the lights that shine
And when they let you down
You'll get up off the ground
'Cause morning rolls around
And it's another day of sun

And when they let you down
The morning rolls around

It's another day of sun...
Just another day of sun
It's another day of sun
Another day has just begun
It's another day of sun

⁸One of the songwriters, Justin Paul, described life in Los Angeles this way: "You pursue your dream, and you go to bed and get up the next day, and it's a gorgeous day...But you just failed miserably. You wake up, and the weather doesn't match your mood. It's a bright and shiny day."

⁹ *you gotta* = you've got to; you have to (*Gotta* is used in informal spoken English only.)

¹⁰ *my money's running low* = I have almost no money

¹¹ *mic* = microphone