

TRACK:

**AMERICAN WAKE**

TIME: 5:26

*The last night's party used to be called the American Wake because emigrants rarely returned. Customs die hard as does first love.*

Open up the door, she's standin' there  
With the smile in her eyes but the gray in her hair  
Betrays the fact you strayed far from home  
With your drinkin', your smokin', your whorin' around  
Sit down by the fire, put your feet on the grate  
Spend the night reminiscin' 'til the hour grows late  
Always remember at the end of the day  
You can always go home - you just can't stay

Then it's off to the pub for to see your old mates  
Ah, they all look older, but nothin' has changed  
And you drink 'til you're nearly out of your head  
"Hey, what are yez all doin' snakin' off to bed"  
Then you're outside her flat but she's no longer there  
And the tears scald your eyes as you think of her hair  
In the photo they sent you of her wedding day  
You can always go home - you just can't stay

Then you see her at Mass with the kids at her side  
And it all comes back in the blink of an eye  
The tears and the laughter, the love and the lies  
And that dress she wore the night you said good-bye  
Then her husband says "it's good to have you back"  
And she smiles for a moment and squeezes your hand  
But you know what she's thinkin', she doesn't have to say  
You can always go home - you just can't stay

And you swear to yourself time and time again  
It was all in the past, she don't mean anything  
Now your life is full of laughter and bars  
What did you leave behind, just the sun, the moon and the stars

Then it's up in the mornin' at the crack of dawn  
With your stomach churnin', she says "c'mon now, Sean,  
You'll be late for the plane," but that crack in her voice  
Betrays the fact that you made your choice  
A long time ago, now there's no turnin' back  
'Cause last night you had your American Wake  
And the bells are still ringin', can't you hear what they say  
You can always go home - you just can't stay

Say good-bye in the wind and the pourin' rain  
One last drink at Shannon Airport, then we're outa here,  
History around here, catch you again next year  
Landin' at Kennedy, all you feel is the pain,  
But it's too late, 'cause last night you had your  
American Wake.

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 C D  
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 G Am  
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 C D  
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 G C  
 Sit down by the fire, put your feet on the grate  
 G D  
 Spend the night reminiscin' 'til the hour grows late  
 G C  
 But always remember at the end of the day  
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HORNS + PIPES

(G F# E)

B-D C-E

D-G-F#

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CHORDS E A C D Fmaj7 - F#maj7 - Gmaj7 - Abmaj7

HORNS B E C F# E - F - F# - G

C D  
 And you swear to yourself time and time again  
 G B7  
 It was all in the past, she don't mean anything  
 E7 E6 A7 C6  
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 C Am  
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E F#

G F#

B-E-C#-A

C'-E

INTRO

# American Wake

Concert

The musical score for 'American Wake' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The score consists of nine staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 6/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the staff are the chords G, C, ~~D~~, G, C, G. The second staff starts with a treble clef, key signature of one sharp, and 6/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the staff are the chords C, D, D, G, A-, C, D. A first ending bracket covers the first two measures, and a second ending bracket covers the next two measures. The word 'verse' is written above the second ending. Below the staff, 'last x Fine' is written. The third staff has a treble clef, key signature of one sharp, and 6/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the staff are the chords G, A-, C, D, D, G, C, G, D, D. The fourth staff has a treble clef, key signature of one sharp, and 6/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the staff are the chords G, C, G, D, E, A. A box labeled 'D C 2xs' is placed below the staff. The fifth staff has a treble clef, key signature of one sharp, and 6/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the staff are the chords C, D, F Maj7, F# Maj7. The sixth staff has a treble clef, key signature of one sharp, and 6/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the staff are the chords G Maj7, A-7, C, D. The seventh staff has a treble clef, key signature of one sharp, and 6/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the staff are the chords G, B7, E7, E6, A7, C6. The eighth staff has a treble clef, key signature of one sharp, and 6/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the staff are the chords C Maj7, A-. The word 'Break' is written above the staff. The ninth staff has a treble clef, key signature of one sharp, and 6/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the staff are the chords C Maj7, A-. The word 'Break' is written above the staff. Below the staff, 'D.C. al Fine' is written.

Solo bits

# Amer Wake

(after break)

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at the end

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