**WHAT WILL I PLAY?**

**(Opening song in “Open Mike—the Musical)**

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(Slowly…)

Dm G C Am

Dm G Am Am

F G C Am

D7 G

Tonight will be the open mike

I think of it all day

The songs are spinning through my head

Can’t make them go away

Should I play a chestnut?

Or try out something new

I really am beside myself

I don’t know what to do

**(Faster…)**

**What will I play?**

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**A cover or a song of mine**

**Stay on the course; fall out of line**

**Do I have anything (new) to say?**

**What will I play?**

**What will I play?**

**C C C C7**

**F C F C**

**D7 G**

**F G C Am**

**F G C**

My songs are calling out to me

Each louder than the last

Play me! Play me! Play me!

My heart is beating fast

I’m driving towards the venue

The knots will not unwind

My aching head is pounding

I can’t make up my mind

**What will I play?**

**What will I play?**

**The newest I don’t know which key**

**The picking is a travesty**

**My fingers won’t get out of the way**

**What will I play?**

**What will I play?**

(Slow…) Bridge:

It feels like it really matters

Though for sure that isn’t so

Not likely I’ll be discovered

So far there’s not that much to show

Still,

My heart is pounding

like a big bass drum

My wife says why do this

if it isn’t fun

(Spoken…) I reply…Oh, this is totally fun.

Am G Dm G

Em F D7 G

Em F D7 G

Final Chorus:

**(Faster…)**

**What will I play?**

**What will I play?**

**So many notes, so little time**

**I’m sure I’ll mess up all the rhymes**

**Maybe wait until a better day**

**I’d better not play?**

**No way I’ll play**

**BUT I’VE GOT TO PLAY!!!**