

# GIVE ME ONE REASON

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Medium blues

The piano score for "Give Me One Reason" is written in 4/4 time and the key of G major. It is marked "Medium blues" and begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The score is organized into four systems, each containing a treble and bass staff. Chords G, C, and D are indicated above the staff. Fingerings are shown with numbers 1-5. The melody in the treble staff uses eighth and quarter notes, while the bass line features a steady eighth-note pattern.

G C D

Give me one rea-son to stay here and I'll turn right back a -

G C

round. \_\_\_\_ Give me one rea-son to stay here \_\_\_\_

D G

and I'll turn right back a - round. \_\_\_\_ Said I

D C

don't want to leave you lone - ly; \_\_\_\_ you got to make me change my

G

mind. \_\_\_\_

1. Ba-by I got your num - ber. \_\_\_\_  
 2. want no one to squeeze me. \_\_\_\_  
 3., 4. (See additional lyrics)

♩ G

C D G

Oh, and I know that you got mine. \_\_\_\_  
 They might take a - way my life. \_\_\_\_

But I don't

C D

you know that I called you. \_\_\_\_  
 want no one to squeeze me. \_\_\_\_

I called too man-y times. \_\_\_\_  
 They might take a - way \_ my

G D To Coda ⊕

life. \_\_\_\_

You can call me, ba - by. You can  
 I just want some - one to hold me, \_

C G

call me an-y-time. — But you got to call — me.}  
oh, and rock me through the night.

*Chorus:*

G C D

Give me one rea-son to stay here \_\_\_\_ and I'll turn right back a -

G

round. \_\_\_\_ (You could see me turn - ing.)

C D G

Give me one rea-son to stay here \_\_\_\_ and I'll turn right back a - round. \_\_\_\_

(You can see me turn - ing.) Said I don't want to leave you lone - ly; \_\_\_\_

you got to \_ make me change my \_ mind. \_\_\_\_ I don't

**D.S. al Coda**  
(3 times)

and there ain't no more to say. \_\_\_\_

### *Additional Lyrics*

3. This youthful heart can love you,  
Yes, and give you what you need.  
I said this youthful heart can love you,  
oh, and give you what you need.  
But I'm too old to go chasing you around,  
wasting my precious energy.
4. Baby, just give me one reason.  
Oh, give me just one reason why.  
Baby, just give me one reason.  
Oh, give me just one reason why  
I should stay.  
Said I told you that I loved you  
and there ain't no more to say.

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