GIVE ME ONE REASON
As Recorded by Tracy Chapman
(From the album NEW BEGINNING/Elektra Records)

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Intro
Moderately \( \frac{j}{66} = 96 \)

Gtr. 1 (clean)

F\#  Rhy. Fig. 1  B  C\#  F\#

\[ \text{let ring throughout} \]

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End Rhy. Fig. 1

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Give Me One Reason

Verse

Gtr. 1: w/Rhy. Fig. 1

1. Give me one reason to stay here— and I'll turn right back around.

Verse

band enters

Gtr. 1: w/Rhy. Fig. 1

2. Baby, I got your number— oh, and I know that's a you got mine.
Give Me One Reason

Give Me One Reason
You can call me, ba-by, you can

B F# G# (10)
full 9 9 7 7

B F#
call me any time. You got to call me.

Verse

Gtr. 1: w/Rhy. Fig. 1

3. Give me one rea-son to stay here and I’ll turn right back a-round.
Give Me One Reason

(You can see the turn in me.)

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

(You can see the turn in me.)

Said I don't wanna leave you lonely,

you... got to make me change my mind....

4. I don't
Give Me One Reason

Verse

Gtr. I: w/Rhy. Fig. I

F↑

want no one to squeeze me, they might take away my life.

B

I don't want no one to squeeze me, they might take away my

C↑

life.


*Played behind the beat.

F↑

oh, and rock me through the night.
Give Me One Reason

Guitar Solo

Gtr. 1 w/Rhy. Fig. 1

[Musical notation]

5. This
Verse

Guitar 1: w/Rhy. Fig. 1

I said this youthful heart can love you, yes, and give you what you need.

But I'm too old to go chasin' you around.

Wastin' my precious energy.
Give Me One Reason

Verse
Gtr. 1: w/Rhy. Fig. 1
F#  

6. Give me one reason to stay here, yes, now turn right back around.

B

(You can see the turn in me) Give me one reason to stay here,

B

oh, I'll turn right back around.

(You can see the turn in me.) Said I

C#  

full 1/2

B

don't wanna leave you lonely, you got to make me change my
Give Me One Reason

Verse
Gtr. 1: w/Rhy. Fig. 1, 1st 8 meas.

7. Ba-by, just give me one rea-son, oh, give me just one rea-son why...

B

Ba-by, just give me one rea-son, oh, give me just one rea-son
Give Me One Reason

Said I

why I should stay.

I told you that I loved you, and there ain't no more to say.