

Old Five And Dimer

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Recorded by Bob Dylan

for the film Hearts Of Fire (1986)

A
I've spent a lifetime, making up my mind to be E]
E (4th pos) A (5th)
More than the measure of what I thought others could see
A D/f#
Good luck and fast bucks are too far and too inbetween
E A
Cadillac buyers and old five and dimers like me

She stood beside me letting me know she would be
Something to lean on when everyone ran out on me
Fenced yards ain't hole cards and, like as not, never will be
Reasons for rhymers and old five and dimers like me

(It's) taken me so long but now that I know I believe
All that I do or say is all that I ever will be
Too far and too high and too deep ain't too much to be
Too much ain't enough for old five and dimers like me.

E A
Yes, an old five and dimer is all I intended to be.

Electric Takes

The first take is a straightforward, square 4/4 version, whereas the
second take is a bluesy thing in a triplet rhythm.

E B
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B E
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E A
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B . . . A . . . E . . . E . . .