

OPTIONAL CHORD STRUCTURES:

1. Am E Dm E Am
2. A D Dsus4 E
3. C Am F Fm C
4. A D Dm Esus4 E A7 A

CHARACTER:

Just beginning to recover
I've been walking for miles
Through the hopeless extreme
People say I'm ascending
I don't know what they mean
I'm not walking backward
But I still don't feel clean
Empty is better to keep things pristine
Then crowded and jumbled and bursting at the seams
I've been stuck here for weeks and don't know what it means

BACK FAIRY:

You're stuck in the In-Between

BOTH:

The In-Between

CHARACTER:

What's the In-Between? And who are you?

BACK FAIRY:

You could say I'm a vision
Or something less deep
I can see that you're tired
And longing for sleep

The in-between is the place on the trail where you decide
To climb somewhere higher or come back inside
You teeter and totter on recovery road
If you come back I'll help you carry your load

You've been walking so long

From the place you belong
You're not getting better so
Come back to the throng
We've been waiting for you
We know you miss us too
Are you happier here?

CHARACTER:

No, I'm all black and blue
I've been running from you
You're pulling me backward

BACK FAIRY:

I'm telling the truth.
That you'll never outrun me
You're wasting your youth
Running
From me when I want you to be better
Better than you are
Better than you were

CHARACTER:

But I've come so far. And I still don't understand the in-between.

BACK FAIRY:

(sigh) It's the place between where you're headed and where you were. The place in recovery where you decide whether to go even farther from me or-

CHARACTER:

Whether to give up and go back to you. Where am I headed?

BACK FAIRY:

Someplace awful
Someplace you don't wanna go
They're gonna fill you to the brim with crap you don't need
Come back down below

CHARACTER:

I can't go back to the dark
Now that I've tasted the light
How can I go back to sleep
When I've just made it out of the night?

BACK FAIRY:

Onwards you'll grow up a failure
Onwards you're somebody lame
Come back home you know your way around
And you know the rules of the game

CHARACTER:

(spoken) I don't want your voice in my head.

BACK FAIRY:

That's the deal, kid. No matter where you go, I'm coming with you.

CHARACTER:

Well, I'm not listening to you.

BACK FAIRY:

That's fine. I'll still talk to you! Every second of every day.

CHARACTER:

But I've come so far.

BACK FAIRY:

Was it worth it?
If you're truthful?
Are you glad that you left us behind?
You look awful
I look youthful
Let me live inside your mind.

Come out of the in-between
Come home to me and the others
We know you well
Relapsing is heaven
You're in misery headed to hell
Come out of the In-Between
You aren't headed anywhere good
You're in for a life with my voice in your head
So you might as well go where you're understood

CHARACTER:

Should I come out of the In-Between?
Go back to the place I know?

It's horrible there and it's too much to bear
But I have nowhere else left to go
Is it awful ahead?

BACK FAIRY:

Oh, you'll wish you were dead.

CHARACTER:

Will it ever get easier?

BACK FAIRY:

No.

CHARACTER:

Should I come back below? No.

I have to go forward.
And keep climbing the stairs
Things might get harder
But I am prepared

BACK FAIRY:

Your choice buddy. Either way, I'll be following you. Talking to you.

CHARACTER:

I know.

BACK FAIRY:

Are you sure about this? You can revoke your choice at any moment.

CHARACTER:

I won't.

BACK FAIRY:

That's what they all say...

CHARACTER:

I'll be powering onwards and checking the time
Not in a hurry but excited to climb
This is the beginning of a wonderful new
Beginning
I feel like I'm winning
Into the upwards

I know I'll get through
Out of the in-between
And on to something new

(Exit CHARACTER.)

BACK FAIRY:
Don't forget me.