

Both Sides Now

Words and Music by Joni Mitchell

Moderately (with a light beat)

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a continuous eighth-note melody in C major, while the left hand plays a simple bass line with whole notes.

This section contains the first verse of the song. It features a vocal line with three verses and a piano accompaniment. Above the vocal line are guitar chord diagrams for C, F, C, Cmaj7, F, and C. The piano accompaniment is marked *mp*.

1. Bows and flows of an - gel hair, — and ice cream cas - tles in the air, — and
 2. Moons and Junes and fer - ris wheels, — the diz - zy danc - ing way you feel, — as
 3. Tears and fears and feel - ing proud, — to say "I love you" right out loud, —

This section contains the second verse of the song. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. Above the vocal line are guitar chord diagrams for F and Dm7. The piano accompaniment is marked *mp*.

feath - er can - yons ev - 'ry - where, — I've looked at clouds that
 ev - 'ry fair - y tale comes real, — I've looked at love that
 Dreams and schemes and cir - cus crowds, — I've looked at life that



way. But now they on - ly block the sun, — they
 way. But now it's just an - oth - er show, — you
 way. But now old friends are act - ing strange, — they



rain and snow on ev - 'ry - one. — So man - y things I
 leave 'em laugh - ing when you go. — And if you care, don't
 shake their heads, they say I've changed. — But some - thing's lost but



would have done, — but clouds got in my way.
 let them know, — don't give your - self a - way.
 some - thing's gained, — in liv - ing ev - 'ry day.

C F C F C

I've looked at clouds from both sides now, from up and down and
 I've looked at love from both sides now, from give and take and
 I've looked at life from both sides now, from win and lose and

F C G F C F

still some-how it's cloud il-lu-sions I re-call; I real-ly don't know
 still some-how it's love's il-lu-sions I re-call; I real-ly don't know
 still some-how it's life's il-lu-sions I re-call; I real-ly don't know

C F C F C F C F

clouds at all.
 love at all.
 life at all.

1. C F C F 2. C F C F

Repeat and fade out