

Big Adventures

Big Adventures (Ventures) \ In the Desert (Desert)

Big Spaces (Spaces) \ For the Spirit (Spirit)

Its a long way from this Southern land to those distant sands

Its a long way from friends and that familiar helping hand

CHORUS

The truth and courage in your soul will hold you in good stead

No creatures of the night will find home inside your head

CHORUS

I wish you peace and strength and love to carry you on your way

In the silence of the desert night and in the clamour of the day

CHORUS

BRIDGE

You live all that you can feel you feel all that you can see

You open up yourself to such startling mystery, mystery

CHORUS

(Simon Kerr © 10 July 2003)

... somewhere near Alice Springs ...

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Backstory

This song was written for a beautiful friend who was embarking on a Big Adventure from the southern climes of Aotearoa (New Zealand) to the middle of the Australian Desert (Alice Springs)

It was both a physical journey and a spiritual journey, a challenge to one's own limits and fears

Life can be a Big Adventure, but only to those who see it like this

This song was to be the title track of my 2007 album 'Voyager', where we recorded it with a much tighter reggae groove. But we were never really able to capture the essence of the song in the studio, so we made the painful decision to leave it off that record

Although the feel is now very different, I think Damon's sparse electric piano and Heidi's mellifluous voice captures the mood of spaciousness and mystery that I felt when I first wrote the song

May your Big Adventures bring you joy and contentment...

How to play

Capo on 2nd fret

Drop D

Am, Fmaj7/D, Em*

Bridge F, Am, Em

(* Ensure you play the E string on the 2nd Fret to compensate for the fact that the E has been lowered to D)