So I started walking And I started thinking How will I know

It's a mouthful of minutes You stumble and you're in it And man when you're in it It goes where it goes

Looking down from the top of that hill
Is the view just gonna stand still
When the lights go out have I earned my 'standing O'
'Cause when I move from here to ghost
What's gonna matter most
The wrecks, the breaks, that one night in Marseille
I did thirty-two thousand days,
What's the takeaway

(VERSE 2)

There's no demanding
When you're the last one standing
Who do you tell

Is it all just something Or just good for nothing Is there a prize For ringing the bell

(CHORUS 2)

Looking down from the top of that hill
Is the view just gonna stand still
When the lights go out have I earned my 'standing O'
'Cause when I move from here to ghost
What's gonna matter most
The wrecks, the breaks, the things I meant to say

I did thirty-two thousand days, What's the takeaway

(VERSE 3)

It's a long way to travel
When the wood hits the gavel
How did I do

Am I leaving at believing And I'm leaving it at even It's a hell of a thing It's a hell of a view

(CHORUS 3)

Looking down from the top of that hill
Is the view just gonna stand still
When the lights go out have I earned my 'standing O'
'Cause when I move from here to ghost
What's gonna matter most
The wrecks, the breaks, the ones that could not stay
I did thirty-two thousand days,

What's the takeaway

(8-bar musical break)

(CHORUS 4)

Looking down from the top of that hill
Is the view just gonna stand still
When the lights go out have I earned my 'standing O'
'Cause when I move from here to ghost
What's gonna matter most
The wrecks, the breaks, the lives I could not save
I did thirty-two thousand days,
What's the takeaway

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