

# Shakedown Street

Grateful Dead

**Form**    **Intro:** Dm  
**Verse:** | G /// | F C9 | Dm /// |  
          | Fmaj7 /// | Em7 /// | x4 -> G  
**Chorus:** | : C7 /// | % : | (4x),  
**followed by:** | : Dm /// | % : | (4x)

**Key:** D  
**Tempo:** 110  
**Vocals:** MV

**V1**        You tell me this town ain't got no heart  
            The sunny side of the street is dark  
            Maybe that's cause it's midnight,  
            In the dark of the moon besides.  
            Maybe the dark is from your eyes (x3)  
            You know you got such dark eyes!

**Chorus**    Nothing shaking on Shakedown Street  
            Used to be the heart of town  
            Don't tell me this town ain't got no heart.  
            You just gotta poke around.

**V2**        You think you've seen this town clear through  
            Nothin' here that could interest you  
            It's not because you missed out  
            On the thing that we had to start.  
            Maybe you had too much too fast (x3)  
            Or just over played your part.

Chorus

Short lead

**V3**        Since I'm passing your way today  
            I just stopped in 'cause I want to say  
            I recall your darkness  
            When it crackled like a thundercloud.  
            Don't tell me this town ain't got no heart (x3)  
            When I can hear it beat out loud!

Chorus

Vocal jam "Don't tell me this town.."

Long jam in C7

Vocal jam -> Dm Riff to end

**Notes**    7/26/87 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lgyGOUk2jw>)