

One Stage Before
Al Stewart

Artist - Al Stewart

Song - One Stage Before

Album - Year Of The Cat

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CHORDS ARE

Gm - 3 5 5 3 3 3
Eb - X 6 8 8 8 6
Bb - 6 8 8 7 6 6
F - 1 3 3 2 1 1
Cm - 3 3 5 5 4 3
Dm - X X 0 2 3 1

INTRO - Acoustic Strumming - Gm Eb X6

Electric Guitar - strums the chords once through the song.

VERSE 1

Gm Eb Gm Eb
It seems to me as though I ve been upon this stage before
Bb F Cm Gm Eb
And juggled away the night for the same old crowd
Gm Eb Gm Eb
These harlequins you see with me, they too have held the floor
Bb F Cm Gm Eb
As here once again they strut and they fret their hour

BRIDGE

Bb F Eb Gm Cm
I see those half-familiar faces in the second row
F Cm Dm
Ghost-like with the footlights in their eyes
Eb Bb Cm Bb F Gm
But where or when we met like this last time, I just don t know

Cm **F** **Dm** (**Gm** **Eb** X4)
It s like a chord that rings and never dies for infinity

VERSE 2

Gm **Eb** **Gm** **Eb**
And now these figures in the wings with all their restless tunes
Bb **F** **Cm** **Gm** **Eb**
Are waiting around for someone to call their names
Gm **Eb** **Gm** **Eb**
They walk the backstage corridors and prowl the dressing rooms
Bb **F** **Cm** **Gm** **Eb**
And vanish to specks of light in the picture-frames

BRIDGE

Bb **F** **Eb** **Gm** **Cm**
But did they move upon the stage a thousand years ago
F **Cm** **Dm**
In some play in Paris or Madrid
Eb **Bb** **Cm** **Bb** **F** **Gm**
And was I there among them then, in some travelling show
Cm **F** **Dm** (**Gm** **Eb** X4)
And is it all still locked inside my head for infinity

VERSE 3

Gm **Eb** **Gm** **Eb**
And some of you are harmonies to all the notes I play
Bb **F** **Cm** **Gm** **Eb**
Although we may not meet still you know me well
Gm **Eb** **Gm** **Eb**
While others talk in secret keys and transpose what I say
Bb **F** **Cm** **Gm** **Eb**
And nothing I do or try can get me through the spell

BRIDGE

Bb **F** **Eb** **Gm** **Cm**
So one more time we ll dim the lights and ring the curtain up
F **Cm** **Dm**
And play again like all the times before
Eb **Bb** **Cm** **Bb** **F** **Gm**
But far behind the music you can almost hear the sounds
Cm **F** **Dm** (**Gm** **Eb** X4)
Of laughter like the waves upon the shores of infinity

GUITAR SOLO

03:22

b

p p

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[--rbp-----|---s---13--17-15-|-18-18-17--18-17-15--18-17-15-]
[-13--11--13-11-|-13\15-----|-----]
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whammy bar

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[-----18---17-|-15-13-----brb-|-----15-|-18---15-]
[-18-16-15---13---|-----16-15-13-11-13~~~|-18-16-15---|-----]
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b

p p

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[-20-20--18-18-17-15-15-15-|-18-20----|---p--p-----|---p--p---whammy-bar]
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03:48

b

p

s

p p

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[-20-20-18-20-18-20-|-17-13-13\15-|-17-18-17-15-----s---]
[-----|-----|-----18-15-18-18\20-]
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[-18-17-----|-----rb-s--]
[-----18-13-|-11-13-13--\--]
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Tricky Bit

p

s

p

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[-13-13-13-11\10--11-10-----h--p-----]
[-----13--11-13-11---p-----p-----]
[-----12-10----10-8---p-----]
[-----13-----10-8-10-]
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[-----s-----11-10----| -11-16-16-| -15-13-16-| -15-13-16-| -15-13-15-]
[-8-10-10\12-10-----12-|-----|-----|-----|-----]
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[-14-14-15-\----| -18-18-15-18-15-15--18-15-----whammy bar-]
[-----|-----brb-----]
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A nice Al Stewart track. Great solo to play along to, tricky bit is hard but gets easier the more you play it. Enjoy.....