

Best Imitation
Ben Folds Five

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Best Imitation of Myself
by Ben Folds Five (music and lyrics by Ben Folds)
from the album Ben Folds Five

This song is originally for piano, bass, and drums but I figured it out for guitar... It was actually really easy.

C **Cmaj9**
I feel like a quote out of context,
 Am **F** **G** **Am Dsus2**
Withholding the rest so I can be for you what you wanna see.
 C **Cmaj9** **Am**
I got the gestures, sounds, got the timing down
 F **G** **Am** **Dsus2**
It s uncanny, yeah, you d think it was me. Do you think I should
G **E7** **Am** **G** **D/F#**
Take a class to lose my southern accent?
 F **G** **F** **G**
Did I make me up or make the face that is stuck
 F **G** **C**
I ll do the best imitation of myself.

C **Cmaj9** **Am**
The problem was your speech you gave me was fine
 F **G** **Am** **Dsus2**
Like the theories about my little stage.
 C **Cmaj9** **Am**
And I sorta was listening till I started drifting
 F **G** **Am** **Dsus2**
round the part about me acting my age. Now if it s
G **E7** **Am** **G** **D/F#**
All the same... I ve people to entertain.
 F **G** **F** **G**
I ll juggle one-handed, do some magic tricks and
 F **G** **C**
Do the best imitation of myself.

E7 **Am**
Maybe I m thinking myself in a hole...
E7 **Am**
Wondering...
 F **Am**
Who I am when I oughta know
 F **Am** **E7**
Straighten up now, time to go fool somebody else...

Am **G** **D** **G** **E7**
 Fool somebody else. Last night I was
C **Cmaj9** **Am**
 East wind of them... a voice within...
F **G** **Am** **Dsus2**
 Trying to be for you what you wanna see.
C **Cmaj9** **Am**
 But I can t help it if you, you wanna pack on through
F **G** **Am** **Dsus2**
 Don t want you hanging out with no-one but me. Now that it s
G **E7** **Am** **G** **D**
 All... all the same... it comes from a sacred place.
F **G**
 Yeah, if my mind s somewhere else
F **G**
 You won t be able to tell
F **G** **C**
 I do the best imitation of myself

F **G**
 Yes, it s uncanny you ll see
F **G**
 You d really think it was me.
F **G** **Am** **Dsus2**
 I do the best imitation of myself...
F **G** **D/F#**
 I do the best imitation of myself.

Chords:

<u> C </u> _ _ _ * _ * _ _ * _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	<u> Cmaj9 </u> _ _ _ * _ * _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	5th fret >	<u> Am </u> _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ * _ _ _ * * * _ _ _ _ _ * * _ _	<u> F </u> * _ _ _ _ * * _ _ _ * * * _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
<u> G </u> _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ * _ _ _ _ * * _ _ * _ _ * * _ _	<u> Dsus2 </u> _ _ _ _ _ _ _ * _ _ _ * _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	5th fret >	<u> E7 </u> _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ * _ * _ _ _ * _ *	<u> D/F# </u> _ _ _ _ * _ _ * _ _ _ _ * _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
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