

**Oppression**  
**Ben Harper**

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Subject: Re: TAB of Oppression by Ben Harper

Oppression by Ben Harper  
Transcription by ian lindsay  
>From the album Fight For Your Mind  
Ben plays it on a Martin 00-18, and it s  
all finger picked. Notice that the guitare  
is tune a step lower than standard (but the  
parts are named after the shapes used in  
standardex: **Am** is actualy **A Gm**)

Part **Am**:  
D-----  
A--0-h-1----1-----0-----0-----1-----  
F--0-h-2----2-----0-----0-----2-----  
C--0-h-2----2---0-----0-----2-----  
G-----  
D-----

Part C: (+ Part C\* just sweep the second chord)

D-----  
A--1----1-----1-----0-----0-----  
F--0----0-----0-----0-----0-----  
C--2----2-----2-----  
G--3----3-----3-----  
D-----3-----3-----

Part **D**:  
D-----0-----  
A--3----3-----3-----0-----  
F--2----2-----2-----0-----  
C--0----0-----0-----  
G-----  
D-----0-----3-----

Part **H**:  
D-----  
A-----  
F-----  
C-----  
G-----  
D-----

Song structure:

[ **Am**, **Am**, **Am**, **C** ] [ **Am**, **C**, **Am**, **C** ] [ **Am**, **C**, **Am**, **D** ]  
[ **Am**, **C**, **Am**, **C** ] [ **Am**, **C**, **Am**, **C** ] [ **Am**, **C**, **Am**, **D** ]

[Am, C, Am, C] [Am, C\*, Am, C] [Am, C, Am, D]  
[Am, C, Am, C] [Am, C\*, Am, Am] [Am, . . . ., H]  
[. . ., H, . . ., H]

Lyrics:

oppression  
you prey on us when we sleep  
oppression  
you chase after the tired the poor the weak  
oppression  
you know you mean only harm  
oppression  
you reach out with your long arm

but oppression  
I won't let you near me  
oppression  
you shall learn to fear me

oppression  
you seek population control  
oppression  
to divide and to conquer is your goal  
oppression  
I swear that hatred is your home  
oppression  
you just won't leave bad enough alone

ut oppression  
I won't let you near me  
oppression  
you shall learn to fear me

oppression  
I don't see how you sleep  
oppression  
for your bleeding conscience I weep  
oppression  
you may have the dollar on your side  
but oppression  
from the gospel truth you cannot hide  
and oppression  
I won't let you near me  
oppression  
you shall learn to fear me  
oppression  
you shall fear me

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