

Heart Of The Matter

Don Henley

[Intro Riff]

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e|-2---2---0--2--0-3--|-----|
B|-3---3---2--3--3-3--|-----|
G|-2---2---3--2--2-2--|-----|
D|-0---0---0--0--0-0--|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----| (x4)
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[Verse 1]

**D**  
I got the call today  
**A**  
And I didn't want to hear  
**G**  
But I knew that it would come  
**D**  
An old true friend of ours  
**A**  
Was talking on the phone  
**G**  
She said you'd found someone  
  
**A**  
And I thought of all the bad luck  
**A7**  
And the struggles we went through  
**G**  
How I lost me, and you lost you  
**A**  
What are all these voices  
**A7**  
Outside love's open door  
**G**  
Make us throw off our contentment  
**A**  
And beg for something more

[Chorus]

**D** **A/E** **Bm/F#**  
I'm learning to live without you now  
**G**

But I miss you sometimes

**D** **Bm**  
The more I know, the less I understand

**G**  
All the things I thought I knew

**A**  
I m learning again

**D**  
I ve been trying to get down

**A/E**  
To the heart of the matter

**Bm/F#**  
But my will gets weak

**G**  
And my thoughts seem to scatter

**D**  
But I think it s about

**Bm**  
Forgiveness, Forgiveness

**G** **A**  
Even if, Even if you don t love me anymore

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B		-3	---	-3	---	-2	--	-3	--	-3	-3	--		-----	
G		-2	---	-2	---	-3	--	-2	--	-2	-2	--		-----	
D		-0	---	-0	---	-0	--	-0	--	-0	-0	--		-----	
A		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		-----	
E		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		-----	
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(x2)

(same pattern as first verse)

Ah these times are so uncertain  
There s a yearning undefined  
People filled with rage  
We all need a little tenderness  
How can love survive  
In such a graceless age  
Oh the trust and self-assurance  
That lead to happiness  
They re the very things we kill I guess  
Oh pride and competition  
Cannot fill these empty arms  
And the work I put between us  
You know it doesn t keep me warm

[Chorus]

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(instead of riff 1, play 2 bars of D)

[Bridge]

**C**

There are people in your life

**G/B**  
Who ve come and gone

**Am**

They let you down

**G**

You know they hurt your pride

**C**  
You better put it all behind you babe

**G/B**

Cuz life goes on

**A**

You keep carrying that anger

It ll eat you up inside baby

[Chorus]

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To the heart of the matter  
But my will gets weak

And my thoughts seem to scatter  
But I think it s about  
Forgiveness, Forgiveness  
Even if, Even if you don t love me

I ve been trying to get down  
To the heart of the matter  
Because the flesh will get weak  
And the ashes will scatter  
But I think it s about  
Forgiveness, Forgiveness  
Even if, Even if you don t love me

(follow pattern of chorus and fade out)

(Chords Used)

**D:** xx0232  
**A:** x02220  
**G:** 320003  
**A7:** x02223 or x02020  
**A/E:** 002220  
**Bm/F#:** 224432  
**Bm:** x24432  
**C:** x32010  
**G/B:** x20003  
**Am:** x02210