

**Heart Of The Matter**  
**Don Henley**

[Intro Riff]

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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D		-0---	-0---	0--	0--	0-0--		-----	
A		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		-----	
E		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		-----	(x2)
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(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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And my thoughts seem to scatter  
But I think it s about  
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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