

The King Must Die
Elton John

Intro: Dm - Dm/C - Bbmaj7 - Am - A7
Dm - Dm/C - Bb - Asus - A7

Dm7 G C/G - G
No man s a jester playing Shakespeare
F G Gsus4-G
Round your throne room floor
Gm7
While the juggler s act is danced upon
A7sus4 A Dm7 G/D
The crown that you once wore

Dm7 G C/G - G
And sooner or later
F G Gsus4-G
Everybody s kingdom must end
Gm7
And I m so afraid your courtiers
A7sus4 A Dm7
Cannot be called best friends

G
Caesar s had your troubles
Dm C Dm C-Dm
Widows had to cry
G
While mercenaries in cloisters sing
E7/G# Asus4 A7
And the king must die

Interlude: Dm-Dm/C-Bbmaj7-Am-A7

Dm7 G C/G - G
Some men are better staying sailors
F G Gsus4-G

Take my word and go

Gm7

But tell the ostler that his name was

A7sus4 **A Dm7 G/D**

The very first they chose

Dm7 **G C/G - G**

And if my hands are stained forever

F **G Gsus4-G**

And the altar should refuse me

Gm7

Would you let me in, would you let me in, would you let me in

A7sus4 **A Dm7**

Should I cry sanctuary

G

Caesar s had your troubles

Dm C Dm C-Dm

Widows had to cry

G

While mercenaries in cloisters sing

E7/G# Asus4 A7

And the king must die

Interlude: **Dm-Dm/C-Bbmaj7-Am-A7 (x2)**

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The crown that you once wore

G/D **Dm7 Am-A7**

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G/D **Dm7** **Dm-Dm/C-Bbmaj7-Am7**

The king is dead

Bb **Am** **Dsus** **D**

Long live the king