

The King Must Die
Elton John

Intro: Em - Em/C - Cmaj7 - Bm - B7
Em - Em/C - C - Bsus - B7

Em7 A D/G - A
No man s a jester playing Shakespeare
G A Asus4-A
Round your throne room floor
Am7
While the juggler s act is danced upon
B7sus4 B Em7 A/D
The crown that you once wore

Em7 A D/G - A
And sooner or later
G A Asus4-A
Everybody s kingdom must end
Am7
And I m so afraid your courtiers
B7sus4 B Em7
Cannot be called best friends

A
Caesar s had your troubles
Em D Em D-Em
Widows had to cry
A
While mercenaries in cloisters sing
F#7/G# Bsus4 B7
And the king must die

Interlude: Em-Em/C-Cmaj7-Bm-B7

Em7 A D/G - A
Some men are better staying sailors
G A Asus4-A

Take my word and go

Am7

But tell the ostler that his name was

B7sus4

B Em7 A/D

The very first they chose

Em7

A D/G - A

And if my hands are stained forever

G

A Asus4-A

And the altar should refuse me

Am7

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

B7sus4

B

Em7

Should I cry sanctuary

A

Caesar s had your troubles

Em D

Em D-Em

Widows had to cry

A

While mercenaries in cloisters sing

F#7/G#

Bsus4 B7

And the king must die

Interlude: **Em-Em/C-Cmaj7-Bm-B7 (x2)**

Em7

A

D/G - A

No man s a jester playing Shakespeare

G

A Asus4-A

Round your throne room floor

Am7

While the juggler s act is danced upon

B7sus4

B

Em7

The crown that you once wore

A/D

Em7

Bm-B7

The king must die

A/D

Em7

Bm-B7

The king must die

A/D

Em7

Bm-B7

The king must die

A/D **Em7** **Em-Em/C-Cmaj7-Bm7**

The king is dead

C **Bm** **Esus** **E**

Long live the king