

**Left Me A Fool**  
**Indigo Girls**

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LEFT ME A FOOL (Emily Saliers)

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[Key of E (but actually in F#, so capo up 2 frets]  
[I m a little unsure about some of these chords; the songbook has some mistakes, and I compiled these from the guitar part, the piano part, and my ear. Maybe there should be some (9) s on some of those naked chords, and maybe some of those 6 s should be 7 s...]

**E/A      B/A      Asus      A      E(9)      F#(9)      A(9)      B(11)      Bsus**  
[intro]

**E/A                  B/A                  E7/A                  A**  
Everybody loves you, and they want to know your story  
**E(9)                  F#(9)                  A(9)                  B**  
You go riding out a mystery, concealed in all your glory  
**C#m                  G#m                  A                  E**  
But when it comes to flesh and bones, you remind me of Shallot  
**B                  A/B      B6                  A6/B      E - Esus      E**  
Only made of shadows, even though you re not

I remember how I spent all my energy and time  
With affected conversation, trying to pry inside your mind  
You are as beautiful as truth, and as empty as a shell  
**B                  A/B                  B6                  A6/B**  
And I came to you one night, and it made me feel like hell

**G#m                  C#m                  F#m      A/B - B**  
Ohhh, to reach through all your surface  
**G#m                  C#m                  F#m      A/B - B**  
Just to find an empty pool  
**C#m                  G#m                  A                  E**  
And to suffer all your pride as I lay down by your side  
**B6                  A/B                  B6      A/B**  
And you swallowed up my heart, and left me a fool

**E/A   B/A   A(9)   E   F#(9)   A(9)   B(11)   Bsus**

Left me a fool

Everybody loves a hero, an image to create

The antithesis of everything inside ourselves we hate

But you better close your eyes when it s time for them to die

Cause you d hate to think the life you d built upon them was a lie

Ohhh, to reach through all your surface

Just to find an empty pool

And to suffer all your pride as I lay down by your side

And you swallowed up my heart, and left me a fool

Left me a fool

I resign myself to silence, I will never blow your cover

No one ever has to know who the hero took for lover

But it comes to mind as you blaze on, as brilliant as a star

How many you ve left behind, how many casualties there are

Ohhh, to reach through all your surface

Just to find an empty pool

And to suffer all your pride as I lay down by your side

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**E/A   B/A   A(9)   E   F#(9)   A(9)   B(11)   E.**

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NOTE: These chords are hard. I usually play this song 3 half-steps above the way it s written here (i.e., in the key of G). You can t pick it correctly in G, but the chords are far easier.

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