

The Pretender

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[Chords Used]

	G	C/G	C	D	G/B	Am7	Em	B7	A9	A9/G
E	-3----	0-----	0-----	2-----	3-----	0-----	0-----	2-----	3-----	3-----
B	-0----	1-----	1-----	3-----	3-----	1-----	0-----	4-----	2-----	2-----
G	-0----	0-----	0-----	2-----	0-----	0-----	0-----	2-----	4-----	4-----
D	-0----	2-----	2-----	0-----	0-----	2-----	2-----	4-----	2-----	2-----
A	-x----	3-----	3-----	-----	2-----	0-----	2-----	2-----	0-----	0-----
E	-3----	3-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3-----

	D/F#	G/D	D/C	D#7
E	---x-----	3-----	2-----	2-----
B	---3-----	3-----	3-----	1-----
G	---2-----	0-----	2-----	2-----
D	---x-----	x-----	x-----	1-----
A	---x-----	5-----	3-----	-----
E	---2-----	-----	-----	-----

[Intro Part 1]

E	-7-----	7-----	7h8-----	8-----	8-----	8-----	8-----
B	-8--8-----	8-----	7s8--10---	8--8---	8-----	8-----	8-----
G	-7-----	7-----	7-----	9-----	9-----	9-----	9-----
D	-0-----	0-----	0-----	10-----	10-----	10-----	10-----
A	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
E	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

E	-----8-----	-----
B	-8-----8-----	-----
G	-----9-----9---	---REPEAT---
D	-----10-----	-----
A	-----	-----
E	-----	-----

[Intro Part 2]

E	-3-----	-----
B	-3--0--1--0-----	0-----
G	-0--0--0--0--2--0--0--	---REPEAT---
D	---0--2--0--2--0--2--	-----
A	-----3--3--	-----
E	-3-----3--	-----

[Verse 1]

	G		C/G
I m gonna rent myself a house in the shade of the freeway,			
	G		D

C
 Gonna pack my lunch in the morning, and go to work each day
G **C**
 And when the evening rolls around,
G **C**
 I ll go on home and lay my body down
G **D**
 And when the morning light comes streaming in
C G/B Am7 G
 I ll get up and do it again Amen
C G/B Am7 G
 Say it again Amen

e|-----|
 B|-----|
 G|-----|
 D|-----0-----|
 A|--2---3-----|
 E|-----|

[Verse 2]

G
 I want to know what became of the changes,
C/G
 We waited for love to bring
G
 Were they only the fitful dreams
D C
 Of some greater awakening
G C
 I ve been aware of the time going by
G C
 They say in the end it s the blink of an eye
G D
 And when the morning light comes streaming in
C G/B Am7 G
 You ll get up and do it again Amen
D
 Caught between the longing for love
C Em B7
 And the struggle for the legal tender
C/G
 Where the sirens sing and the churchbells ring
Em
 And the junkman pounds his fender
C G
 Where the veterans dream of the fight,
B7 Em
 Fast asleep at the traffic light
A9 A9/G D/F#
 And the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor
Em D C D

Em
 Out into the cool of the evening, strolls the pretender
C D
 He knows that all his hopes and dreams
G
 Begin and end there

E|-----3-----|
 B|-----3--5-----0-----|
 G|--2s4-----4--2-0-2-0-----0-----|
 D|-----2-----|
 A|-----|
 E|-----3-----|

C G
 Ah the lovers as they run through the night
C Em
 Leaving nothing but to choose off and fight
D#07 G/D C
 And tear at the world with all their might
G/D Em
 While the ships bearing their dreams
G/D D
 Sail out of sight

[Verse 3]
G
 I m gonna find myself a girl,
C/G
 Who can show me what laughter means
G D
 Then we ll fill in the missing colors in each others
C
 Paint by number dreams
G C
 And then we ll put our dark glasses on
G C
 And we ll make love until our strength is gone
G D
 And when the morning light comes streaming in
C G/B Am7 G
 We ll get up and do it again
C G/B Am7 G
 Get it up again
G D D/C

Em
 I m gonna be a happy idiot, and struggle for the legal tender
B7 C/G
 Where the ads take aim, and lay their claim
Em
 To the heart and the soul of the spender
C G
 And believe in whatever may lie

	B7		Em	
In those things that money can buy				
	A9	A9/G		D/F#
Though true love could have been a contender				
Em	D	C	D	Em
Are you there, say a prayer for the pretender		C	D	G
Who started out so young and strong only to surrender				
[Over Intro Part 2]				
G			C	
Say a prayer for the pretender				
G			C	
Are you there for the pretender				
G			C	
Are you prepared for the pretender etc.				