The Pretender
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[Chords Used]
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     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-----|
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        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-------------------------------------------------|
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[Intro Part 1]
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E|-7---------7---------7h8--------------8----------8---------8------|
B|-8--8--------8-----------7s8--10----8---8---------8-------------|
G|-7------7--------7---------------------9------9---------9---------|
D|-0---------0--------0-----------------10---------10--------10-------|
A|----------------------------------------------------------------|
E|----------------------------------------------------------------|
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E|-------8----------|----------------------------|
B|-8---------8------|----------------------------|
G|----9----------9--|---REPEAT--------------------|
D|-------10---------|----------------------------|
A|------------------|----------------------------|
E|------------------|----------------------------|
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[Intro Part 2]
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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--|-------------------|
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[Verse 1]
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                        G                                                    C/G
I m gonna rent myself a house in the shade of the freeway,
         G                                                        D
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        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
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Em
                    Out into the cool of the evening, strolls the pretender
                              C   D
He knows that all his hopes an dreams
                    G
Begin and end there

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E|----------------------------------3--------------|
B|--------3--5----------------------0--------------|
G|--2s4---------4--2-0-2-0-----0-------------------|
D|----------------------------2--------------------|
A|-------------------------------------------------|
E|----------------------------------3--------------|
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C   G
Ah the lovers as they run through the night
C   Em
Leaving nothing but to choose off and fight
D#O7   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

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              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.
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