

The Pretender
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[Chords Used]

	G#	C#/G	C#	Eb	G#/B	Bbm7	Fm	C7	Bb9	Bb9/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-----0-----									
E	-3-----3-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----3-----									

	Eb/F#	G#/D	Eb/C	E7
E	--x-----3-----2-----2-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----			
B	--3-----3-----3-----1-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----			
G	--2-----0-----2-----2-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----			
D	--x-----x-----x-----1-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----			
A	--x-----5-----3-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----			
E	--2-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----			

[Intro Part 1]

E	-7-----7-----7h8-----8-----8-----8-----8-----
B	-8--8-----8-----7s8--10--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#		Eb

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# **Eb**
 And when the morning light comes streaming in
C# G#/B Bbm7 G#
 I ll get up and do it again Amen
C# G#/B Bbm7 G#
 Say it again Amen

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e |-----|
B |-----|
G |-----|
D |-----0-----|
A |--2---3-----|
E |-----|
  
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[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
Eb 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# Eb
 And when the morning light comes streaming in
C# G#/B Bbm7 G#
 You ll get up and do it again Amen
Eb
 Caught between the longing for love
C# Fm C7
 And the struggle for the legal tender
C#/G
 Where the sirens sing and the churchbells ring
Fm
 And the junkman pounds his fender
C# G#
 Where the veterans dream of the fight,
C7 Fm
 Fast asleep at the traffic light
Bb9 Bb9/G Eb/F#
 And the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor
Fm Eb C# Eb

C7

Fm

In those things that money can buy

Bb9 Bb9/G

Eb/F#

Though true love could have been a contender

Fm Eb

C#

Eb

Fm

Are you there, say a prayer for the pretender

C#

Eb

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.