

The Pretender
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[Chords Used]

	F	Bb/G	Bb	C	F/B	Gm7	Dm	A7	G9	G9/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-----3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----									

	C/F#	F/D	C/C	C#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-----
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	-----

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]

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

Bb

Gonna pack my lunch in the morning, and go to work each day

F Bb

And when the evening rolls around,

F Bb

I ll go on home and lay my body down

F C

And when the morning light comes streaming in

Bb F/B Gm7 F

I ll get up and do it again Amen

Bb F/B Gm7 F

Say it again Amen

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

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[Verse 2]

F

I want to know what became of the changes,

Bb/G

We waited for love to bring

F

Were they only the fitful dreams

C Bb

Of some greater awakening

F

Bb

I ve been aware of the time going by

F

Bb

They say in the end it s the blink of an eye

F

C

And when the morning light comes streaming in

Bb F/B Gm7 F

You ll get up and do it again Amen

C

Caught between the longing for love

Bb

Dm A7

And the struggle for the legal tender

Bb/G

Where the sirens sing and the churchbells ring

Dm

And the junkman pounds his fender

Bb

F

Where the veterans dream of the fight,

A7

Dm

Fast asleep at the traffic light

G9

G9/G

C/F#

And the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor

Dm C

Bb

C

Dm Out into the cool of the evening, strolls the pretender

Bb **C**

He knows that all his hopes and dreams

F

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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Bb **F**

Ah the lovers as they run through the night

Bb **Dm**

Leaving nothing but to choose off and fight

D#07 **F/D** **Bb**

And tear at the world with all their might

F/D **Dm**

While the ships bearing their dreams

F/D **C**

Sail out of sight

[Verse 3]

F

I m gonna find myself a girl,

Bb/G

Who can show me what laughter means

F

C

Then we ll fill in the missing colors in each others

Bb

Paint by number dreams

F

Bb

And then we ll put our dark glasses on

F

Bb

And we ll make love until our strength is gone

F

C

And when the morning light comes streaming in

Bb F/B Gm7 F

We ll get up and do it again

Bb F/B Gm7 F

Get it up again

F

C

C/C

Dm I m gonna be a happy idiot, and struggle for the legal tender

A7 **Bb/G**

Where the ads take aim, and lay their claim

Dm

To the heart and the soul of the spender

Bb

F

And believe in whatever may lie

	A7		Dm	
In those things that money can buy				
	G9	G9/G		C/F#
Though true love could have been a contender				
Dm	C	Bb	C	Dm
Are you there, say a prayer for the pretender				
	Bb		C	F
Who started out so young and strong only to surrender				
[Over Intro Part 2]				
F			Bb	
Say a prayer for the pretender				
F			Bb	
Are you there for the pretender				
F			Bb	
Are you prepared for the pretender etc.				