

The Pretender
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[Chords Used]

	A	D/G	D	E	A/B	Bm7	F#m	C#7	B9	B9/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-----									

	E/F#	A/D	E/C	F7
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-----
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]

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

D

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

A **D**

And when the evening rolls around,

A **D**

I ll go on home and lay my body down

A **E**

And when the morning light comes streaming in

D A/B Bm7 A

I ll get up and do it again Amen

D A/B Bm7 A

Say it again Amen

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

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[Verse 2]

A

I want to know what became of the changes,

D/G

We waited for love to bring

A

Were they only the fitful dreams

E D

Of some greater awakening

A D

I ve been aware of the time going by

A D

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

A E

And when the morning light comes streaming in

D A/B Bm7 A

You ll get up and do it again Amen

E

Caught between the longing for love

D F#m C#7

And the struggle for the legal tender

D/G

Where the sirens sing and the churchbells ring

F#m

And the junkman pounds his fender

D A

Where the veterans dream of the fight,

C#7 F#m

Fast asleep at the traffic light

B9 B9/G E/F#

And the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor

F#m E D E

F#m

Out into the cool of the evening, strolls the pretender

D

E

He knows that all his hopes and dreams

A

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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D

A

Ah the lovers as they run through the night

D

F#m

Leaving nothing but to choose off and fight

D#07

A/D

D

And tear at the world with all their might

A/D

F#m

While the ships bearing their dreams

A/D

E

Sail out of sight

[Verse 3]

A

I m gonna find myself a girl,

D/G

Who can show me what laughter means

A

E

Then we ll fill in the missing colors in each others

D

Paint by number dreams

A

D

And then we ll put our dark glasses on

A

D

And we ll make love until our strength is gone

A

E

And when the morning light comes streaming in

D A/B Bm7 A

We ll get up and do it again

D A/B Bm7 A

Get it up again

A

E

E/C

F#m

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

C#7

D/G

Where the ads take aim, and lay their claim

F#m

To the heart and the soul of the spender

D

A

And believe in whatever may lie

C#7

F#m

In those things that money can buy

B9 B9/G

E/F#

Though true love could have been a contender

F#m E

D

E

F#m

Are you there, say a prayer for the pretender

D

E

A

Who started out so young and strong only to surrender

[Over Intro Part 2]

A

D

Say a prayer for the pretender

A

D

Are you there for the pretender

A

D

Are you prepared for the pretender etc.