

**Burden Of Freedom**  
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A little about this: I have come to absolutely love this version of Burden of Freedom and it made me a little sad that it wasn't represented here. This is my first submission, so please keep that in mind when critiquing.

The time signature is 3/4 and the usual strum pattern is:

1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 -  
D D U D U D D U D U D D U D U D D D

On the measures you play G C G you do the same pattern the whole time.

There's a variation to normal Am7 that I use transitionally during the verses. It is:

E 0  
A 0  
D 2  
G 0  
B 1  
E 0

Intro:

**G Gmaj7 G6 G Gmaj7 G**  
**Am Am/C Am Am7 Am6 Am7**  
**D Dsus2 D Dsus4 Dsus2 D**  
**G C G**

Verse 1:

(No Play)           **G**           **Gmaj7**           **G6**  
I stand on the stairway

**G Gmaj7 G**           **Am**           **Am/C**           **Am**  
My back to the dungeon

**Am7 Am6 Am7**           **D**           **Dsus2**           **D**  
The doorway to freedom

**Dsus4 Dsus2 D**           **G**           **C**           **G**  
So close to my hand

**Am**           **Am/C**           **Am**  
And voices behind me

**D**           **G**           **C**           **G**  
So bitterly damn me

For seeking salvation

Am7 (v2) G C G  
They don t understand

Chorus:

C Cmaj7 C6no5  
Lord, help me to shoulder

Am6 G C G  
The burden of freedom

G7 C Cmaj7 C6  
And give me the courage

C D Dsus2 D  
To be what I can

Verse 2:

(no play) G C G  
And when I am wounded

Am Am/C Am  
By those who condemn me

D Dsus2 D  
Lord, help me forgive them

Dsus4 Dsus2 D G C G  
They don t understand

Verse 3:

G C G  
Their lonely frustration

Am Am/C Am  
Descending to laughter

D Dsus2 D  
Erases the footprints

Dsus4 Dsus2 D G C G  
I leave in the sand

Am Am/C Am

But I m free to travel

**D**                    **G**                    **C**                    **G**  
Where no one can follow

**Am**                    **Am/C**                    **Am**  
In search of the kingdom

**Am7** (v2)            **G**                    **C**                    **G**  
They don t understand

Chorus:

**C**                    **Cmaj7**                    **C6no5**  
Lord, help me to shoulder

**Am6**                    **G**                    **C**                    **G**  
The burden of freedom

**G7**                    **C**                    **Cmaj7**                    **C6**  
And give me the courage

**C**                    **D**                    **Dsus2**                    **D**  
To be what I can

Verse 4:

(No Play)                    **G**                    **Gmaj7**                    **G6**  
And when I have wounded

**G Gmaj7 G**                    **Am**                    **Am/C**                    **Am**  
The last one who loved me

**Am7 Am6 Am7**                    **D**                    **Dsus2**                    **D**  
God help her for--give me

**Dsus4 Dsus2 D**                    **G**                    **C**                    **G**  
I don t under---stand.