

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

Am Am/C Am
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.