

**Oh Jerusalem**  
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Don't really know the names of the chords,

	<b>Em/B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>F?</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G#</b>	<b>F#</b>								
E	-7	---	5	---	5	---	8	--	-4	---	2	-----	-----	-----
B	-8	---	5	---	6	---	8	--	-4	---	2	-----	-----	-----
G	-9	---	6	---	7	---	9	--	-5	---	3	-----	-----	-----
D	-9	---	7	---	7	---	10	-	-6	---	4	-----	-----	-----
A	-7	---	7	---	5	---	10	-	-6	---	4	-----	-----	-----
E	-7	---	5	---	5	---	8	--	-4	---	2	-----	-----	-----

Repeat the first 2 chords

**Em/B A**

Oh Jerusalem yeah, oh Jerusalem, oh Jerusalem, oh Jerusalem...

Realizing that there s no place else to go  
And there s nobody I know who can help here  
Text book solutions are so improbable  
Cuz everybody else is just as empty  
Naked as the day that I was born, I tried to hide  
Behind education and philosophy  
Hopeless explanation to describe a situation  
I can t see because the world s on top of me

Oh wretched man that I am, who will deliver me  
From the body of this death  
Freeing me from dust, and the superficial trust  
Of an enemy that seeks to take my breath

**F? Em/B**

Failing to connect, cuz I m morally defect

**C F?**

By reason of the God inside my head

**F? Em/B**

Causing me to see, only what pertains to me

**C F?**

Believing I m alive when I m still dead

**Em/B A**

Limited to earth, unable to find out my worth  
Cuz I can t see past my own vanity  
If I m not included, then I just have to remove it  
From my mind because it has to be insanity

Oh wretched man that I am, who will deliver me  
From the body of this death

Can I even factor, that I've only been an actor  
In this staged interpretation of this day  
Focused on the shadow, with my back turned to the light  
Too intelligent to see it's me in the way

**F? Em/B**

What a paradox, having God trapped in a box

**C F?**

All this time professing to be spiritual

**F? Em/B**

Naturally pretending, that I'm actually defending

**C F?**

God through my façade, only material

**A G# F#**

Oh Jerusalem, wash thy heart from wickedness  
That thou may be saved from thy deception  
How long, shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee,  
oh Jerusalem Keeping thee from perfection

**Em/B A**

Submit to truth, leave the deception of thy youth  
So we can walk in the council of authority  
Forget the proof, a generation so aloof  
Only following the steps of the majority

**F? Em/B**

Trust in the Lord, with all thy heart

**C F?**

And lean not to thine own understanding in all thy ways

**F? Em/B**

Acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths

**C F?**

Be not wise in thine own eyes that you can't follow him

**Em/B A**

We judge and condemn, just as ignorant as them  
Who religion tells us that we should ignore  
Perpetrating we're in covenant with Him  
Exposed by the very things that we adore  
We grin and shake hands, then lay ambush for the man  
Who has a different point of view than us  
Infuriated cuz he doesn't understand  
Bringing up those things we don't want to discuss  
Why still do evil, we don't know how to do good  
Walking on in darkness running from the light, eyes  
Led to believe, because we live in neighborhoods  
Telling us what's going on will be alright

**F? Em/B**

Oh so repressed, so convinced that I was blessed

**C F?**

When I played with my game of Monopoly

**F? Em/B**

Oh to suggest, that my life is still a mess

**C F?**

To reveal the pride I m hiding is what s stopping me

**A G# F#**

Oh Jerusalem, wash thy heart from wickedness

That thou may be saved from thy deception

How long, shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee, oh Jerusalem

Keeping them from perfection

**Em/B A**

Abide in me and I in you, as the branch cannot bare

Fruit of itself except in the vine

I am the vine, ye are the branches, He that live in me

And I in him, the same bring forth much fruit

**F? Em/B**

But without me, you can do nothing, oh Jerusalem

**C F?**

You re traditions have deceived you

**F? Em/B**

I ve chosen you, you haven t chosen me

**C F?**

And whatsoever, you ask in my name he may give to you

**Em/B A**

But in vain they call my name, teaching doctrines just the same

Justified among themselves

But God knoweth the heart, what man esteems as smart

Is an abomination to Emmanuel

**F? Em/B**

Just repent, turn from selfish motivation

**C F?**

So iniquity will not cause your demise

**F? Em/B**

Make you a new heart and a new spirit for why would He die

**C F?**

Oh Jerusalem, please tell me why

**Em/B A**

I have no pleasure in the death of Him to die

Says the Lord God whereforth turn yourselves and live

It s not the talkers, but the walkers in His word

Are the only ones the Father will forgive

**A G# F#**

Oh Jerusalem, wash thy heart from wickedness

That thou may be saved from thy deception

How long, shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee, oh Jerusalem

Providing you no protection

Oh Jerusalem...  
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