

The Rat Who Would Be King
Matthew Good Band

The Rat Who Would Be King / Matthew Good Band / The Audio Of Being / 2001
Tabbed by Kathtastrophe
Tuning: Standard

I adapted this song for rhythm acoustic. Its very simple and you can play it along to the song. Like all Good s songs play around with hammer-ons and completely removing strings from a chord. This a very basic outline. Be creative with it.

G 320033
Am x02210
C x32010
F 133211 F and Fmaj9 are somewhat interchangeable
Fmaj9 x33010 I prefer the sound of Fmaj9 though
G/Am 302210
F#/Am 20(2)210
F/Am 10(2)210 or **A** regular barred **F**

Listen to the song to get the timing. If its confusing I can make a video.

Intro

G Am C Fmaj9

Verse 1:

G Am C Fmaj9

Even a blind

G Am C Fmaj9

squirrel finds a nut

G Am C Fmaj9

once in a while

G Am C Fmaj9

Once you re in you re pretty much fucked

G Am C Fmaj9

When I was the rat

G Am C Fmaj9

The rat who would be king

G Am C Fmaj9

I imagined typhoid

G Am C Fmaj9

and us alone always us alone

Chorus:

C Am G F
And I ve waited on the sidelines all this time all this time

C **Am** **G** **F**
And I ve a grenade with our names scratched on the side

C
But that s just love

Am **G/Am F#/Am F/Am**
And you know that love s not enough

Am **G/Am F#/Am F/Am**
Love s not enough

G Am C Fmaj9 x2

Verse2: (same as 1: **G Am C Fmaj9**)

Crawl from the sea
Wait for some thumbs
A greatness to breed
Build the Mall of America

When I was the rat
The rat who would be king
I imagined ashes and us alone
Always us alone

Chorus:

C **Am** **G** **F**
And I ve waited on the sidelines all this time all this time

C **Am** **G** **F**
And I ve a grenade with our names scratched on the side

C
But that s just love

Am **G/Am F#/Am F/Am**
And you know that love s not enough

Am **G/Am F#/Am F/Am**
Love s not enough (x3)

Outro: **Am G/Am F#/Am F/Am**

For the end chorus I prefer using a G/C instead of C and the F instead of F/Am.
Gives it more impact.

**Any questions about the progression or variation chords message me through my
profile! Hope this works out for you!**