

**Oracular Spectacular**  
**MGMT**

Just a compilation of the chords to one of my favorite albums, no real credit to me.

1. Time To Pretend

INTRO

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E|--5-5-5-5-3-2-3-5-5-5-5-3-2-3-|
B|-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3--|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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WEE TUNE

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E|-----2-2-----|
B|-5-3-2-----|
G|-----4-2-----| x 5
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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D                      G                      D
I m feeling rough  I m feeling raw I m in the prime of my life.
D                      G                      D
Let s make some music make some money find some models for wives.
D                      G                      D
I ll move to Paris, shoot some heroin and fuck with the stars.
D                      G                      D
You man the island and the cocaine and the elegant cars.
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PRE-CHORUS

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G
This is our decision to live fast and die young.
D
We ve got the vision, now let s have some fun
G
Yeah it s overwhelming, but what else can we do?
D
Get jobs in offices and wake up for the morning commute?
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CHORUS 1

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A                      F#m
Forget about our mothers and our friends.
G      A      D
We were fated to pretend.
G                      D
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to pretend.

**G D**

We were fated to pretend.

**G D**

to pretend.

## VERSE 2

**D G D**

I ll miss the playgrounds and the animals and digging up worms.

**D G D**

I ll miss the comfort of my mother and the weight of the world.

**D G D**

I ll miss my sister, miss my father, miss my dog and my home.

**D G D**

Yeah I ll miss the boredom and the freedom and the time spent alone.

## PRE-CHORUS

**G**

But there is really nothing, nothing we can do.

**D**

Love must be forgotten. Life can always start up anew.

**G**

The models will have children, we ll get a divorce,

**D**

we ll find some more models, Everything must run its course.

## CHORUS

**A F#m**

We ll choke on our vomit and that will be the end.

**G A D**

We were fated to pretend.

**G D**

to pretend.

**G D**

We were fated to pretend.

**G D**

to pretend.

## 2. Weekend Wars

**Dm C G**

Evil S I yes to find a shore,

**C G F**

A beach that doesn t quiver anymore,

**Dm C F**

Where we can crush some plants to paint my walls,

**Am F**

And I won t try to fight in the weekend wars

**Dm C G**

Was I? I was too lazy to bathe

**C G F**

Or paint or write or try to make a change.

**Dm** **C** **F**  
 Now I can shoot a gun to kill my lunch  
**Am** **F**  
 And I don t have to love or think too much

**A Dm** **C** **F** **A** **A#**  
 Instant battle plans written on the sidewalk  
**A Dm** **C** **F** **A** **A#**  
 Mental mystics in a twisted metal car  
**A Dm** **C** **F** **Gm** **A#** **C**  
 Tried to amplify the sound of light and love

(Instead of just playing a C at the end here,  
 you can match the sound of MGMT a little better if  
 you play the riff below. When you finish it, go right  
 into the Dm of the next verse.)

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e|-----|
B|-----|
G|--5---5---5---5---|
D|-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5---|
A|3---1-----|
E|-----5---3-----|
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**Dm** **C** **G**  
 Christ is cursed of faders and maders  
**C** **G** **F**  
 Might even take a knife to split a hair  
**Dm** **C** **F**  
 Or even scare the children off my lawn  
**Am** **F**  
 Giving us time to make the makeshift bombs

**Dm** **C** **G**  
 Every mess invested was a score  
**C** **G** **F**  
 We couldn t use computers anymore  
**Dm** **C** **F**  
 But it s difficult to win unless you re bored,  
**Am** **F**  
 And you might have to plan for the weekend wars

**A Dm** **C** **F** **A** **A#**  
 Try to break my heart I ll drive to Arizona.  
**A Dm** **C** **F** **A** **A#**  
 It might take 100 years to grow an arm  
**A Dm** **C** **F** **Gm** **A#** **A**  
 I ll sit and listen to the sound of sand and cold  
**Dm** **C** **F** **A** **A#**  
 Twisted diamond heart, I m the weekend warrior  
**A Dm** **C** **F** **A** **A#**

My predictions are the only things I have

**A Dm C F Gm A# C**

I can amplify the sound of light and love

(Here there is a similar riff as before. I strum or pick this depending on how intense I want it to sound. Again, go right into the next part after finishing this.)

e|-----|  
B|-----|  
G|--5---5---5---5--5--|  
D|-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5--|  
A|3---1-----x--|  
E|-----5---4---3--|

**C A#**

I m a curse and I m a sound,

When I open up my mouth,

**F**

There s a reason I don t win,

**C**

I don t know how to begin

**A#**

I m a curse and I m a sound,

When I open up my mouth,

**F**

There s a reason I don t win,

**C**

I don t know how to begin

**A#**

I m a curse and I m a sound,

When I open up my mouth,

**F**

There s a reason I don t win,

**C**

I don t know how to begin

3. The Youth!

**C F Bb A**

This is a call of arms to live and love and sleep together

**C F Bb A**

We could flood the streets with love or light or heat whatever

**C F**

Lock the parents out, cut a rug, twist and shout

**Bb**

Wave your hands, Make it rain

**A**

For stars will rise again.

**Bb** **A**  
 The youth is starting to change  
**Dm** **C**  
 Are you starting to change?  
**F**  
 Are you together, together, together, together?  
 (repeat)

4. Electric Feel  
 Tabbed by: Alina37

Chords Used:

	<b>Cm7(v1)</b>	<b>Gm</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Bb</b>	<b>Cm7(v2)</b>
e	-----3-----	-----3-----	-----4-----	-----6-----	-----8-----
B	-----4-----	-----3-----	-----4-----	-----6-----	-----8-----
G	-----3-----	-----3-----	-----5-----	-----7-----	-----8-----
D	-----5-----	-----5-----	-----6-----	-----8-----	-----8-----
A	-----3-----	-----5-----	-----6-----	-----8-----	-----10-----
E	-----x-----	-----3-----	-----4-----	-----6-----	-----8-----

Intro: **Cm7(v1)**, **Gm**, **Ab**... **Bb**, **Gm**, **Ab**

**Cm7(v1)** **Gm** **Ab**  
 All along the western front  
**Bb** **Gm** **Ab**  
 People line up to receive  
**Cm7** **Gm** **Ab**  
 She got the power in her hand  
**Bb** **Gm** **Ab**  
 To shock you like you won t believe  
 Saw her in the Amazon  
 With the voltage running through her skin  
 Standing there with nothing on  
 She gonna teach me how to swim

-Pause-

**Cm7** **Gm** **Ab**  
 I said ooh girl  
**Bb** **Gm** **Ab**  
 Shock me like an electric eel  
**Cm7** **Gm** **Ab**  
 Baby girl  
**Bb** **Gm** **Ab**  
 Turn me on with your electric feel

I said ooh girl  
 Shock me like an electric eel

Baby girl  
Turn me on with your electric feel

All along the eastern shore  
Put your circuits in the sea  
This is what the world is for  
Making electricity  
You can feel it in your mind  
Oh you can do it all the time  
Plug it in and change the world  
You are my electric girl

I said ooh girl  
Shock me like an electric eel  
Baby girl  
Turn me on with your electric feel

I said ooh girl  
Shock me like an electric eel  
Baby girl  
Turn me on with your electric feel

Interlude: **Cm7(v2), Bb [x3] Ab**  
**Cm7(v1), Gm, Ab... Bb, Gm, Ab**

	<b>Cm7(v1)</b>	<b>Gm</b>	<b>Ab</b>
Do what you feel now			
	<b>Bb</b>	<b>Gm</b>	<b>Ab</b>
Electric feel now			
	<b>Cm7</b>	<b>Gm</b>	<b>Ab</b>
Do what you feel now			
	<b>Bb</b>	<b>Gm</b>	<b>Ab</b>
Electric feel now			
Do what you feel now			
Electric feel now			
Do what you feel now			
Electric feel now			
Do what you feel now			
Electric feel now			

5. Kids  
(Intro)  
**F#m D A E x8**

(Verse)  
**F#m** **D**  
You were a child  
**A** **E**  
Crawling on your knees toward him  
**F#m** **D**  
Making momma so proud

**A** **E** **F#m** **D**  
 But your voice is too loud  
**A** **E**  
 We like to watch you laughing  
**F#m** **D**  
 Picking insects off of plants  
**A** **E**  
 No time to think of consequences

(Chorus)

**F#m** **D**  
 Control yourself  
**A** **E**  
 Take only what you need from it  
**F#m** **D** **A** **E**  
 A family of trees wanting to be haunted (?)

(Repeat chorus)

(Verse)

The water is warm  
 But it s sending me shivers  
 A baby is born  
 Crying out for attention  
 Memories fade  
 Like looking through a fogged mirror  
 Decisions too  
 Decisions are made and not bought  
 But I thought this wouldn t hurt a lot  
 I guess not

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

**E F#m G C#m A Ebm B F#**

**A**

(Chorus x4)

## 6. 4th Dimensional Transition

Tabbed by Jordan

I could t find a tab of this anywhere so I decided to figure it out myself. It s pretty easy to make out just by listening to it, but I think I got it right for the most part. Any comments or corrections are welcome.

All the verse parts are barre chords:

**E A Am B Dm D G F F# C G2**  
 e|-----5-----5---7---5---5---3---1---2---3---10-----|

B|---9---5---5---7---6---7---3---1---2---5---12-----|  
 G|---9---6---5---8---7---7---4---2---3---5---12-----|  
 D|---9---7---7---9---7---7---5---3---4---5---12-----|  
 A|---7---7---7---9---5---5---5---3---4---3---10-----|  
 E|---0---5---5---7-----3---1---2-----|

**E**

I feel your racing heart

**E**

My liquid silver arms extended

**E**

These waves aren t far apart

**E**

Black gold in clawfoot tubs unchanging

**A Am E**

I am fire, where s my form?

**A Am B**

Whisper crimson I intrude

**Dm A**

There s light beneath your eyes

**Dm B**

New overtones in view

**A E**

Endless form, endless time

A little different for the next verse:

**E**

If what they say is true

**E**

You are a shadow in the fourth dimension

**E**

To float away with you

**E**

We see the corners where nothing happens

**A Am E**

While we drifted we were one

**A Am E**

Ceilings lifted walls were gone

**E D G(2)**

You speak the language of the breeze

**G**

All your leaves were meant for me

**F F# E**

The love that every person wants to be

Here is the instrumental verse part:

e|-----|  
 B|-----9-7-10-9-----|  
 G|--9-----7-----9-9--6-8-11-----|

D	-----9-----7-9-----	
A	-----	
E	-----	

**Dm** **C**  
 Stuck together, I don't like revealing secrets  
**F** **G**  
 I'll live inside your lips if you won't laugh  
**A**  
 My heaving hands on rotten fruit at last  
**Dm** **C**  
 Fallow fingers, there's a surface I can count on  
**F** **G**  
 She'd fit inside my heart and take it over  
**A**  
 Till her cape got blown into my red lungs  
**Dm**  
 Either there's a purpose  
**C**  
 Or I'm heading out at breakfast  
**F**  
 Take a drink, take a drag  
**G**  
 One more coffee, ugly hat  
**G**  
 No more mirrors, woolen bag  
**D**  
 And I am gone

The song ends by strumming a standard D chord a bunch of times, before ending on a final G chord.

7. Pieces of What  
 Chordies  
**G, D, Em, C**

Verse:

**G** **D**  
 when the world has turned  
**Em**  
 paralyzed and wrong  
**G** **D** **Em**  
 cold blooded claws never offered anything at all  
**G** **D**  
 past the point of love  
**Em**  
 shattered and untied

**G** **D**  
waiting to pick up the pieces

**Em**  
that make it all alright

**C**  
but pieces of what

**Em**  
pieces of what

**G**  
pieces of what

**D** **C** **G**  
doesn t matter any more

8. Of Birds, Moons and Monsters  
Tabbed by Angel  
Greetings from Mexico!

Live Intro:

**C#m/A** **B**

E-4-----	2----	
B-5-----	4----	
G-6-----	4----	
D-6-----	4----	
A-0-----	2----	
E-----		

**B**

Verse

**C#m** **E** **G#**  
Why d you cut holes in the face of the moon base?

**B** **C#m**  
Don t you know about the temperature change

**E** **G#**  
In the cold black shadow?

**B** **A**  
Are you mad at your walls

**B** **C#m** **E** **G#**  
Or hoping that an unknown force can repair things for you?

**B** **C#m** **E** **G#**  
Pardon all the time that you ve thrown into your pale grey garden?

**B** **A** **B** **A**  
If the ship will never come you ve got to move along

A

Chorus

**C#m** **E** **G#** **B** **C#m**  
Even a bird would want a taste of dirt from abyssal dark  
**C#m** **E** **G#**

**A**  
The prick of a feather could make a kingdom burn and the bloodshed start  
**B** **C#m**  
The falling apart  
**C#m** **E** **G#**  
Made me a shadow in the shape of wonder

**B** **C#m**  
The waves of black  
**C#m** **E** **G#** **B**

**A**  
If she s going under I can hold my breath till the sky comes back

**B** **A** **B**  
Or drown like a rat, rat, rat

**A** **B**  
He s a rat!

Solo

**G#**  
To catch a monster  
**A**  
We make a movie  
**A#**  
Set the tempo  
**B**(with fill)  
And cut and cut its brains out  
**A - G#**  
**C#m** **F#** **A**  
It will inspire on the burning pyre  
**G#**  
Half the distance  
**A**  
Half the motion  
**A#**  
Communication  
**B**(with fill) **A - F#m - G#**  
It s easy as the ocean

End

**A** **F#m** **G#**

E-----12-12-11-9-7-----|  
B-9-7-9-7-----9-----9-10-9-|  
G-----9-----|  
D-----|

A-----|  
E-----|

## 9. The Handshake

Intro:

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

**A** **G**  
I just shook the handshake

**G** **D**  
I just sealed the deal

**A** **G**  
I ll try not to let them

**G** **D**  
Take everything they can steal

**A** **G**  
People always told me

**G** **D**  
Don t forget your roots

**A** **G** **D**  
I know I can feel them underneath my leather boots

**G** **G/F#** **Em** **A** **D** **A** **Bm**  
You toss all the mornings lost to the clouds and you watch it go

**G** **G/F#** **Em** **A** **D** **A** **Bm**  
Your fairweather friends on a parachute binge get lost when the wind blows

**G** **A**  
The handshake s stuck on the tip of my tongue

**Bm**  
It tastes like death but it looks like fun

Play this part with bar chords:

**B**  
I was a loner  
**E** **D#** **G#** **B**

I was just waiting by myself  
**D**

When you, warped temptress

**A** **B**  
Rose to bring me happiness and wealth

**E** **D#** **D** **C#**  
Black tears, black smile, black credit cards and shoes

**A**  
You can call all the people you want

**E** **F#**

But it s you who s being used

**B**

Under your black eyes, honey

**E D# G# B**

Right beneath your nose

**D**

A curse on all creation

**A**

**B**

Every single thing you knew

**E**

**D#**

**D**

**C#**

White smoke, white light, white marble on the floor

**A**

**E**

**F#**

It would only take a few seconds of darkness to figure out what s in store

Little girl

**G G/F#**

**Em**

**A**

**D**

**A**

**Bm**

Mmm you convince yourself that you want it, but you don t know

**G**

**G/F#**

**Em**

**A**

**D**

**A**

**Bm**

You keep on trying to wash the blood from your hands, but it won t go

**G**

**A**

We re gonna keep you on the run

**Bm**

We got the handshake under our tongue

We got the handshake under our tongue

We got the handshake under our tongue

We got the handshake under our tongue

We got the handshake x15

#### 10. Future Reflections

| **Gm** | **Em** | **Dm** | **Am** | **Am** | | **G** | **F** | **Cm** | **Bb** | **B** | |

| **Bb** | **F** | **Bb** | **F** | |

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-----Verse-1-----  
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**Bb**

And there were future reflections

**F**

On the face and the hands

**Bb**

On a green colored island

**F**

On a primitive man

**Bb**

It was the future reflecting

**F**

It felt familiar but new

**Bb**

A street was missing a building

**F**

The kids had something to do

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-----Chorus-1-----  
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**Gm** **Dm**  
There was a feeling the spirit was leaving  
**A** **Am**  
Red like a marker  
**G** **F**  
So my tribe, with my knife  
**Cm** **Bb** **F**  
Cut the heart from a lonely life

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-----Verse-2-----  
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**Bb**  
I saw patterns on floorboards  
**F**  
Deep in the dust was a leader  
**Bb**  
Someone was walking on floorboards  
**F**  
Turned them from oak to cedar  
**Bb**  
He can assess the situation  
**F**  
I wrapped a string around my finger  
**Bb**  
Into the forest with the young ones  
**F**  
I don t expect to be a winner

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-----Chorus-2-----  
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**Gm** **Em** **Dm**  
But as long as you feel it, I m a believer  
**A** **Am**  
My heart is phosphor  
**G** **F**  
Sea rolls and death tolls  
**Cm** **Bb**  
Break the surface don t break my bones

**Gm** **Em** **Dm**

Off of the trail and off of your hands and  
           **A**                  **Am**  
 Onto a new plan  
**G**                  **F**  
   Is the cost to stay lost  
**Cm**                  **Bb**  
 Forever in an empty skin  
**Bdim**  
 Pale and thin

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 -----Bridge+Outro-----  
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**C5**                                  **B5**  
   If it s good, or if it s fortune, I can t tell  
           **Bb5**                                  **F/A**  
 But pieces come together for some reason just as well  
**C5**  
   Their guns couldn t see us  
           **B5**  
 There s a sea outside my door  
**Bb5**  
   And one day I ll appreciate  
           **F/A**                                  **A/C#**                                  **Dm**  
 The rush of blood and the washed out beat of the shore

**C**                                  **Bb**                  **F/A**  
   And remember what it felt like  
           **Dm**          **C**                                  **Bb**                  **F/A**  
 To be alone,          sitting in the sunlight  
           **Dm**          **C**                  **Bb**                  **F/A**  
 All alone

**Dm**                  **C**                  **Bb**                  **F/A**