

The Mercy Seat
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

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Picked this up online and it plays really great so I thought I d share.

There are some bizarre chords you will need for this song.
There doesn't exist proper titles for these chords (except Em) and so I have labeled them with arbitrary symbols.
The TAB shows each string and the numbering refers to fret position. You will have to work out which finger arrangements suit you best! An O means the string is open (i.e. you let the open string ring) whereas an X means the string must not be allowed to ring out (i.e. don't play it or dampen it).

I worked this out from the Live seeds version rather than Tender Prey

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E|---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
B|---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
G|---0-----0-----4-----2-----|
D|---2-----4-----4-----4-----|
A|---2-----2-----2-----2-----|
E|---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
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Em E* E^ E+

It began when they came and took me from my home ...

Em / E* / Em / E*

VERSE:

Em E* Em E*
I began to warm and chill to objects and their fields

Em E* Em E*
a ragged cup a twisted mop. the face of Jesus in my soup

Em E* Em E*
Those sinister dinner meals The meal trolley's wicked wheels

Em E* Em E*
A hooked bone rising from my food. All things either good or ungood

CHORUS:

Em **E^**
And the mercy seat is waiting and I think my head is burning

E+ **D** **Dm**
and in a way I m yearning to be done with all this measuring of truth

F
an eye for an eye a tooth for a tooth

C **Em / E* / Em / E***
and anyway i told the truth and I m not afraid to die

Repeat the chords for Verse and chorus over the
remaining lyrics