

**Hanging By A Thread**  
**Nickel Creek**

The intro riff is meant to emulate the violin/mandolin part.  
The second bass note is optional, but it makes reading the chord a little easier.

If you don't feel like playing it, just open with an A chord.

If you feel the chords are a little plain, add the 9 to A or D wherever they appear.

[Intro]

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                A7
e|---10--12--9-|
B|-8-----8-|
G|-----9-|    x4
D|-----|
A|-0-----0-|
E|-----|
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[Verse]

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                Em7
There s a kind of emptiness
                D
That can fill you
                Em7
There s a kind of hunger
                D
That can eat you up
                Em7
There s a cold and darker side
                D
Of the moonlight
                A
And there s a lonely side of love
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[Chorus]

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                G
With you here
                A
Baby I am strong
                D
No sign of weakness
                G
With you gone
                A                D
Baby I am hanging by a thread
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[Verse]

**Em7**

There s a certain kind of pain

**D**

That can numb you

**Em7**

There s a type of freedom

**D**

That can tie you down

**Em7**

**D**

Sometimes the unexplained can define you

**A**

**D**

And sometimes silence is the only sound

[Chorus]

**G**

With you here

**A**

Baby I am strong

**D**

No sign of weakness

**G**

With you gone

**A**

**D**

Baby I am hanging by a thread

[Interlude]

**Am Dm Esus E Am Abdim C/G D/F# F**

**D Bm Bbadd9**

[Chorus]

**G**

With you here

**A**

Baby I am strong

**D**

No sign of weakness

**G**

With you gone

**A**

**D**

Baby I am hanging by a thread