

Changing Of The Guards
Patti Smith

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BPM 120

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[Verse 1]

Em
Sixteen years
 G **D** **Em**
Sixteen banners united over the field
 C **D**
Where the good shepherd grieves
 Em **G** **D**
Desperate men, desperate women divided
 Em **C** **D**
Spreading their wings neath falling leaves

[Verse 2]

Em
Fortune calls
 G **D** **Em**
I stepped forth from the shadows to the marketplace
 C **D** **Em**
Merchants and thieves, hungry for power, my last deal gone down
 G **D** **Em**
She s smelling sweet like the meadows where she was born
 C **D** **G**
On midsummer s eve near the tower

[Verse 3]

Em
The cold-blooded moon
 G **D**
The captain waits above the celebration
 Em **C** **D**
Sending his thoughts to a beloved maid
 Em **G** **D**
Whose ebony face is beyond communication
 Em **C** **D** **G**
The captain is down but still believing that his love will be repaid

[Bridge]

Em

[Verse 4]

Em

They shaved her head

G

D

She was torn between Jupiter and Apollo

Em

C

D

A messenger arrived with a black nightingale

Em

G

D

I seen her on the stairs and I couldn t help but follow

Em

C

D

G

Follow her down past the fountain where they lifted her veil

[Verse 5]

Em

I stumbled to my feet

G

D

I rode past destruction in the ditches

Em

C

D

With the stitches still mending beneath a heart-shaped tattoo

Em

G

D

Renegade priests and treacherous young witches

Em

C

D

Were handing out the flowers that I d given to you

[Verse 6]

Em

The palace of mirrors

G

D

Where dog soldiers are reflected

Em

C

D

The endless road and the wailing of chimes

Em

G

D

The empty rooms where her memory is protected

Em

C

D

G

Where the angel s voices whisper to the souls of previous times

[Verse 7]

Em

She wakes him up

G

D

Forty-eight hours later the sun is breaking

Em

C

D

Near broken chains, mountain laurel and rolling rocks

Em

G

D

She s begging to know what measures he now will be taking

Em

C

D

G

He s pulling her down and she s clutching on to his long golden locks

[Bridge]

Em

[Verse 8]

Em

Gentlemen, he said

G D

I don't need your organization,

Em

C

D

I've shined your shoes, I've moved your mountains and marked your cards

Em

G

D

But Eden is burning either brace yourself for elimination

Em

C

D

G

Or else your hearts must have the courage for the changing of the guards

[Verse 9]

Em

Peace will come

G

D

Em

With tranquillity and splendor on the wheels of fire

C D

Em

But will bring us no reward when her false idols fall

G

D

And cruel death surrenders with its

Em

C

D

G

Pale ghost retreating, Between the King and the Queen of Swords

[Outro]

G D C

Fade Out

Mark W