

Hand Of Kindness
Richard Thompson

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(Songs of PolyGram International, Inc., BMI)

Arranged for solo guitar by Alan Bostick (*).

This arrangement is fairly sparse. It consists of the guitar part of Thompson's song "Hand of Kindness" from the album of the same name (Hannibal/Rykodisc) plus an alternating bass line. I have tried to be faithful to the original, but there are a couple of places where the arrangement departs in (I hope) minor ways.

I have tried to keep the rhythm consistent: one beat in a 4/4 measure takes up 8 characters in the tab. In other words, a single character width represents a thirty-second note. The words under the tab are kind of mashed together to attempt to show the timing of the lyrics.

On the record, Thompson plays an extended solo between the second chorus and verse 3. He ends the song by repeating the chorus on verse 3, and soloing over the groove while the song fades out. When I play, I don't play a solo -- I go straight from verse 2 to verse 3 -- and I end the song by going back to the groove after the second verse 3 chorus, and closing on the arpeggiated D7sus2 chord.

The tab was prepared using Ofir Zwebner's program, TAB MASTER v1.0

Intro/Groove

D7sus4	Dm
e: ----- -----0-----	
B: 1---1---1---1----- 1-----3-----	
G: 0---0---0---0----- 0-----2-----	
D: 0-----0----- 0-----0-----	
A: -----0-----0----- -----0-----0-----	
E: ----- -----	

D7sus4	Dm
e: ----- -----0-----	
B: 1---1---1---1----- 1-----3-----	
G: 0---0---0---0----- 0-----2-----	
D: 0-----0----- 0-----0-----	
A: -----0-----0----- -----0-----0-----	
E: ----- -----	

D7sus4		Dm	
e:-----	-----0-----0--		
B:1--1--1--1--	1-----3-----1-		
G:0--0--0--0--	0-----2-----2		
D:0-----0--	0-----0-----		
A:-----0-----0--	-----0-----0--		
E:-----	-----		

D7sus2	
e:-----	-----0--
B:-----	-----1-----1-
G:-----	--0h2-----2-----2
D:0-----0--	0-----3-----
A:-----0-----0--	-----0-----0--
E:-----	-----

e:-----	-----
B:-----	-----1-----
G:-----	--0h2-----2-----
D:0-----0--	0-----3-----
A:-----0-----0--	-----0-----0--
E:-----	-----

well I

Verse

Dm7	
e:-----	-----
B:-----	-----1-----
G:-----	--0h2-----2-----2--
D:0-----0--	0-----3-----
A:-----0-----0--	-----0-----0--
E:-----	-----

wove the rope--

And I

e:-----	-----
B:-----	-----1-----
G:-----	--0h2-----2-----2--
D:0-----0--	0-----3-----
A:-----0-----0--	-----0-----0--
E:-----	-----

picked the spot--

well I

e:-----	-----
B:-----	-----1-----
G:-----	--0h2-----2-----
D:0-----0--	0-----3-----
A:-----0-----0--	-----0-----0--
E:-----	-----

stuck out my neck--

And I

e:	----- -----
B:	-----1-----1-----
G:	-----0h2-----2-----2-----
D:	0-----0-----0-----3-----
A:	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
E:	----- -----

tightenedthe knot--

G		Dm7	
e:	----- -----		
B:	1/3-----1-----		
G:	2/4-----2-----		
D:	3/5-----0-----	0-----0-----	
A:	-----5-----0-----	-----0-----0-----	
E:	-----	-----	

Oh-- stranger stran- ger

G		Dm7	
e:	----- -----		
B:	1/3-----1-----		
G:	2/4-----2-----		
D:	3/5-----0-----	0-----0-----	
A:	-----5-----0-----	-----0-----0-----	
E:	-----	-----	

How near our time--

G		Dm7		F	
e:	-----	-----			
B:	1/3-----1-----	-----			
G:	2/4-----2-----	-----			
D:	3/5-----0-----	-----			
A:	-----5-----0-----	-----			
E:	-----0-----	1-----1-----1-----3-----			

you stretchoutyour hand Ill stretchout

A7sus4	
e:	-----3----- -----
B:	-----3-----3----- -----3--3--3--3--3--3--
G:	0--2----- -----2--2--2--2--2--2--
D:	----- -----
A:	0----- -----
E:	----- -----

mine-- Oh--

Chorus

Dm		F		Bb	
e:	-----	-----			
B:	3--3--3--3--1-----1-----	3-----3-----3--3--3--			
G:	2--2--2--2--2-----2-----	3-----3-----3--3--3--			
D:	0-----	-----			
A:	-----0-----3-----	1-----1-----			
E:	-----1-----	-----1-----1-----			

may be just the hand of kindness

Dm	F	Bb
e:-----	-----	-----
B:3---3---3---3---1-----1---		3-----3---3---3---3-----
G:2---2---2---2---2-----2---		3-----3---3---3---3-----
D:0-----		-----
A:-----0-----3-----		1-----1-----
E:-----1-----		-----1-----1-----

may be just the hand of kindness

Dm	F	G
e:-----	-----	-----
B:3---3---3---3---1-----1---		3-----3---3---3-----
G:2---2---2---2---2-----2---		0-----0---0---0-----
D:0-----		-----0-----0-----
A:-----0-----3-----		-----
E:-----1-----		3-----3-----

may be just a hand stranger will you reach me in time

A	Eb7sus2
e:-----3-----	-----
B:-----3-----	-----2---2-----2---
G:2-----2-----2-----	3-----3-----
D:-----3-----3---	---1---1---1---1---1---
A:0-----	-----1-----
E:-----	-----

ime

e:-----
B:2-----2---2-----1---1-----
G:-----
D:1-----1---1-----1---1-----
A:---1-----1-----1---
E:-----

From here go back to the groove for four measures, then verse then chorus.

Verses:

- Well, I wove the rope
And I picked the spot
Well, I stuck out my neck
And I tightened the knot
Oh, stranger, stranger
How near our time (*in the liner notes it is It don't do to waste time)
You stretch out your hand
I stretch out mine

Chorus: Maybe just the hand of kindness
Maybe just the hand of kindness
Maybe just a hand
Stranger will you reach me in time

In time

2. Well I scuppered the ship
And I bent the rail
And I cut the brake
And I ripped the sail
And they called me a Jonah
It s a sin I survived
You stretch out your hand
I stretch out mine
3. Shoot that old horse
Break in the new
The hung are many
The living are few
I see your intention
Here s my neck on the line
You stretch out your hand
I stretch out mine

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