

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

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

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 ti-

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:

1. 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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