

Reelin' In The Years
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please notice that tab is
*from original recording *
*while chords are from *
*live version *

This is based on the live version of the song, from the Alive ... release. There are quite a few differences with the original recording - the chords for the verse have been spiced up a bit, and there are a couple of new changes thrown in as well. In the chorus, the new version uses nearly all Gmaj7 and F#m7 chords - the original used Aadd2 chords as well. But - if you play these chords along with the original track, most of them should work OK.

For the chorus sequence (which is repeated several times for the solos) there are only two basic chords - Gmaj7, and F#m7. I've listed the chord shapes at the end, and I've written out some alternatives for these two chords. For example, you could play D/G and F#m11 and it will work fine. Choose the shapes you prefer for these two chords, or mix and match all the different possible shapes.

/ indicates another beat on the same chord. This does not indicate the strumming pattern
it just shows roughly how long you stick with each chord. Listen to the change
to each chord just before the beat. For the choruses you play more on the beat, with a triplet feel.

INTRO :

Aadd2
Gmaj7 / / / / / F#m7 / / /
Gmaj7 / / / / / F#m7 / / /
Gmaj7 / / / / / F#m7 / / /
Gmaj7 /

Rest of the band come in here

(Chords are the same as verse 1)

You ve been telling me you re a genius since you were 17
In all the years I ve known you I still don t know what you mean
The weekend in the college didn t turn out like you planned
The things that pass for knowledge I can t understand

CHORUS 2:

A / Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /
Are you reelin in the years stowin away the time are you gatherin up
the

Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / Asus2/C#
tears have you had enough of mine

Chorus (original recording) repeats once and guitar plays tab as below

Are you reelin in the years

E	-----3-3---		-----7~-----	
B	-----		-----	
G	-----2/4-----		-4/7-----	
D	-----		-----	
A	-----		-----	
e	-----		-----	

stowin away the time

E	-----5-----9~		-----	
B	-----		-----	
G	-----4/6--6/9---		-----	
D	-----		-----	
A	-----		-----	
e	-----		-----	

are you gatherin up the tears

A	-----3--		---3-----3~-----	
B	-----3/4---		-3/4--3/4-	
G	-----		-----	
D	-----		-----	
A	-----		-----	
e	-----		-----	

have you had enough of mine

SOLO 1 (Guitar - Walter)

Gmaj7 / / / B/A / / /

Gmaj7 / / / B/A / / /

Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /
 Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /
 Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /
 Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /

Solo (original recording)

A	-----	-----
B	-----	-----3-2---5----
G	-----0-0-----0-0-----0-2-4-2-0-----	-0-2-0--2-2-2--2-2--2-----4---4-2
D	-2-4-----2-4-----2-4-----4-2-4	-----4-----2h4-----4-----
A	-----	-----
e	-----	-----

E	-----	-----
B	-3-2---5-----	-----
G	-----4---4-2-0-0-----0-0-----0-2-4-	-2-0-----0-2-0--2-2-2--2-2--2-
D	-----2-4-----2-4-----	-----4-2-4-----4-----2h4-----4---
A	-----	-----
e	-----	-----

E	-----	-----
B	-3-2-----5r3r2--3-2-----5r3r2-----	-----2-3-2-----
G	-----4-2-----4-----4-2-----4-----	-0-2-4-4-0-2-4-4-0-2-4-----4-2----
D	-----	-----
A	-----	-----
e	-----	-----

E	-----2-----	-5-2--2-----5-2-----
B	-----2-----2-2-----2-2-----5-2--	-----2--5-2-----
G	-0-2-4--4-2--2-4--2-4-----	-----
D	-----	-----
A	-----	-----
e	-----	-----

E	-----	-----2-----
B	-----2-3-2-----	-----2-----2-2-----2-2-----5-2-
G	-----4-4-0-2-4-4-0-2-4-----4-2-----	-0-2-4--4-2-----2-4-----2-4-----
D	-----	-----
A	-----	-----
e	-----	-----

E	-5-2--2-----5-2-----	-----
B	-----2--5-2-----	-----
G	-----	-----
D	-----	-----
A	-----	-----
e	-----	-----

SOLO 2 (this is a sax solo on live version but a glorious guitar solo on original recording)

Gmaj7 / / / B/A / / /

Gmaj7 / / / B/A / / /

Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /

Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /

Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /

Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / / Dsus2/C#

Solo (original recording)

A	--14b15~-----	-----
B	-----12/14-12h14-----	-----
G	-----14-----	-----
D	-----14/16-14h16----	-----
A	-----	-14b16-----12-12---12-14r12h14-
e	-----	-----12-12h14-----

E	-----	-----
B	-----	-----
G	-----	-----
D	-----	-----
A	-14r12h14-14-13-12-13-14-13-12-13-14-13-12-13-14-13-12-13-14-13-14-15-16	-----
e	-----	-----

A	-----	-----
B	-----	-----
G	-----14r12-14r12-12h14r12-12h14r12-12h14r12-12h14r12-----	-----
D	-----12-13-14-----	-----
A	-16r14h16-----	-----
e	-----	-----

E	-----	-----
B	-----	-----
G	-12-12h14r12-12-12h14r12-12-12h14r12-12-12h14r12-11h12r11-9h11r9-7h9r7--	-----
D	-----	-----
A	-----	-----
e	-----	-----

A	-----	-----
B	-----	-----10~-----
G	-5-5b6---5b6---7---8---9-9---9-12---	-----
D	-----7-7---7-7---7-7---7-7-----	-----
A	-----	-----
e	-----	-----

VERSE 3:

I ve spent a lot of money and I ve spent a lot of time
 The trip we made to Hollywood is etched upon my mind
 After all the things we ve done and said you find a nother man
 The things you think are useless I can t understand

CHORUS

Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /
Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /
Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /
Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /

Chorus (original recording)

Are you reelin in the years

E-----	-----
B-----2-2h4r2~	-----
G-----2/4	-----
D-----	-----
A-----	-----
e-----	-----

stowin away the time

E-----	-----
B-----4/5-5-5h7r5~	-----
G-----	-----
D-----	-----
A-----	-----
e-----	-----

are you gatherin up the tears

A-----	-----
B-----7/8-8-8h10r8~	-----
G-----	-----
D-----	-----
A-----	-----
e-----	-----

have you had enough of mine

A-----11-10-9-7-5-	-----
B-----	-----
G-----	-----
D-----	-----
A-----	-----
e-----	-----

Are you reelin in the years stowin away the time

E-----7-5-3-0-	-----5-5-----5-5---
B-----3-2-----2/3/5-----6/7-5-7-----	-----
G-----4-2-----	-----
D-----	-----
A-----	-----
e-----	-----

are you gatherin up the tears

A-----5-5-----5-5~-----	-----5-5-----5-----
B-6/7-5-7-----6/7-5-7-----	-----6/7-5-7-----6/7-----6/7-5-----
G-----	-----
D-----	-----
A-----	-----
e-----	-----

G-----|-----7h8r7r5-|
 D-----|-----|
 A-----|-----|
 e-----|-----|

E-7h8r7r5-----7h8r7r5-----|-----|
 B-----7h8r7r5-----7h8r7r5-----|-----|
 G-----7h8r7r5-----|7h8r7r5-----6r5h6-6r5h6--|
 D-----|-----7-7r5h7-7r5h7-----|
 A-----|-----|
 e-----|-----|

Original recording fades here

E-----|-----|
 B-----10-----10---10---10-----10---10-10-----10-----|
 G-6r5h6-6r5h6-7/9----7/9---7/9---7/9-|--7/9-9---7/9-----7/9-9-----|
 D-----|-----|
 A-----|-----|
 e-----|-----|

(Live version continues)
 (CHORUS (with guitar solo continuing))
 (-----)

(Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /)
 (Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /)
 (Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /)
 (Gmaj7 / / / F#m7 / / /)

(OUTTRO:)
 (-----)

(Gmaj7 / / / B/A / / /)
 (Gmaj7 / / / B/A / / /)
 (B/A / / / B/A /)

Chord Shapes :

Try out any of these G-type and F#m-type chords for the chorus/solo sequences.

EADGBE	EADGBE	EADGBE	EADGBE	E A D G B E	E A D G B E
x07600	3x443x	3xx232	3x5432	x 10 12 11 12 10	x 10 9 11 10 0

Aadd2	Gmaj7	D/G	Gmaj7	Gmaj7	Gmaj9add6
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EADGBE	E A D G B E
355400	x 10 9 7 0 0

G6	G6
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EADGBE	EADGBE	EADGBE	EADGBE	E A D G B E	EADGBE
242222	242252	244200	2x2200	x 9 11 9 10 9	x97500

F#m7	F#m7	F#m11	F#m11	F#m7	F#m7
EADGBE	EADGBE	EADGBE	EADGBE		
x02220	x5777x	x4x455	x2x230		
A	D	Asus2/C#	Bm11		
E A D G B E	EADGBE	EADGBE	EADGBE		
x x 9 9 10 9	x9x997	x79787	x6x677		
A/B		E/F#	Em7	Bsus2/C#	
EADGBE	EADGBE	EADGBE	EADGBE		
x57565	x7777x	5x444x	x0444x		
Dm7	D/E	B/A	B/A		

Final notes:

The tab of the original recording was done with my ears and an Amiga computer using the Audiomaster IV sampler software. Sample, double pitch and double frequency enables Aidiomaster to playback the original sample at half the speed but with original pitch.

Let freedom ring

Oh Rock of ages do not crumble, love is breathing still
 Oh Lady Moon shine down a little people magic if you will

*, Roger Olofsson