

Calypso

Suzanne Vega

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I learned this from the book The Authentic Guitar Style of Suzanne Vega, be without it. Buy it; it s only \$12.95, and it has very good transcriptions of eleven songs from Suzanne s first two albums. If your local music store doesn t have it, do a special order or call Hal Leonard (Cherry Lane s distributor) directly; that s how I got it.

TAB FOR INTRO AND FIRST VERSE:

[The second and third verses are slightly different; if you want to get it exactly right, just listen to the recording.]
[An equal sign (=) is a hammer-on; *2 means quickly hammer-on from 0 to 2.]
[Accents are on the 1st, 4th, and 7th eighth notes of each measure; those are usually played by the thumb. (In the recording, you can barely even hear the non-accented notes.)]
[Actually in G; capo at the 3rd fret.]

E7	E7sus4	E7	E7sus4
E -----	-----	-----	-----
B --0-----0-----0-	--0-----0-----0-	--0-----0-----	--0-----0-----0-
G ----1-----1-----	----2-----2-----	----1-----1-----	----2-----2-----
D -----	-----0-----	2-----0=2-	0-----0-----
A -----2-----	2-----2-----	-----2-----	-----2-----
E 0-----0-----	-----	-----	-----
^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .

E7	E7sus4	E7	E7sus4
E -----	-----	-----	-----
B -----0-	--0-----0-----0-	--0-----0-----0-	--0-----0-----0-
G -----1---1-----	----2-----2-----	----1-----1-----	----2-----2-----
D 0=2-----*2---	0-----0-----	-----	-----0-----
A -----	-----2-----	-----2-----	2-----2-----
E -----	-----	0-----0-----	-----
^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .

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E -----	-----	-----	-----
B --0-----0-----0-	--0-----0-----0-	--0-----0-----	--0-----0-----0-
G ----1-----1-----	----2-----2-----	----1-----1-----	----2-----2-----
D -----	-----0-----	2-----0=2-	0-----0-----

A	-----2-----		2-----2---		-----2-----		-----2-----	
E	0-----0---		-----0---		-----0---		-----0---	
	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	

E7		E7sus4		E7		E7sus4		
E	-----		-----		-----		-----	
B	---0---0---		--0---0---0-		--0---0---0-		--0---0---0-	
G	-----1-----		---2---2---		---1---1---		---2---2---	
D	0=2-----0=2-		0-----0---		-----0---		-----0---	
A	-----		-----2-----		-----2-----		2-----2---	
E	-----		-----		0-----0---		-----	
	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	
I live on an island and I waken to the dawn								

A		A7/6sus4		A		A7/6sus4		
E	--0-----0-----0-		--0-----0-----0-		--0-----0-----0-		--0-----0-----0-	
B	---2---2---		---3---3---		---2---2---		---3---3---	
G	-----2---		-----0-----		-----2---		-----0-----	
D	-----2-----		4-----4---		-----2-----		4-----4---	
A	0-----		-----		0-----		-----	
E	-----		-----		-----		-----	
	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	
A long time ago, I watched him struggle with the sea								

E7		E7sus4		E7		E7sus4		
E	-----		-----		-----		-----	
B	--0---0---0-		--0---0---0-		--0---0---0-		--0---0---0-	
G	---1---1---		---2---2---		---1---1---		---2---2---	
D	-----		-----0-----		2-----0=2-		0-----0---	
A	-----2-----		2-----2---		-----2-----		-----2-----	
E	0-----0---		-----		-----		-----	
	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	
I knew that he was drowning and I brought him in to me								

Asus4		Asus4		A(4)		A(4)		
E	--0---0---0-		--0---0---0-		--0---0---0-		-----0-----	
B	---3---3---		---3---3---		---2---2---		---2---2---	
G	-----		-----2-----		-----2---		-----2-----	
D	-----0---2---		0-----0---		-----0---		0=2-----2---	
A	0-----		-----		0-----		-----	
E	-----		-----		-----		-----	
	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	

C		Cmaj7		F#m7(4)		F#m7(4)		
E	-----		-----		-----		-----	
B	--1---1---1-		--0---0---		-----		-----	
G	---0---0---		---0---0---		---2---2---		-----2---	
D	---2---2---		---2---		-----		---2---	
A	3-----		3-----		---*2---		0=2-----2---	
E	-----		-----0---		2-----0=2-		-----	
	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .		^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	
he sails away; Af - ter one last								

E	E7sus4	E	E7sus4
E ----- ----- ----- -----			
B --0-----0-----0- --0-----0-----0- --0-----0-----0- --0-----0-----0-			
G ----1-----1----- ----2-----2----- ----1-----1----- ----2-----2-----			
D -----2----- -----0----- -----2----- -----0-----			
A -----2----- 2-----2----- -----2----- 2-----2-----			
E 0----- ----- 0----- -----			
^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .	^ . ^ . ^ . ^ .
night,	I	let him go.	

LYRICS AND CHORDS:

[It s a judgement call as to whether the E7 s are actually E s or E7 s.
And it doesn t really matter.]

[For the I let him go parts at the ends of the verses, play as many
the last two measures of the first verse.]

[Capo 3.]

E7 E7sus4 E7 E7sus4 E7 E7sus4 E7 E7sus4
[intro]

E7	E7sus4	E7	E7sus4
E7	E7sus4	E7	E7sus4
I live on an island,	and I	waken to the dawn	
A	A7/6sus4	A	A7/6sus4
Long time ago,	I watched him struggle with the sea		
E7	E7sus4	E7	E7sus4
I knew that he was drowning,	and I brought him in to me		
Asus4	Asus4	A(4)	A(4)
Now today, come morning light			
C	Cmaj7	F#m7(4)	F#m7(4)
E	E7sus4	E	E7sus4
He sails away; after	one	last night,	I let him go

Thick and wild and hidden is the sweetness there that grows
My hair, it blows long as I sing into the wind
I tell of nights where I could taste the salt on his skin
Salt of the waves and of tears
And though he pulled away, I kept him here for years
Now I let him go

just play it like the I let him go parts at the end of the verses.]

In the dawn he sails away to be gone forever more
And the waves will take him in again, but he ll know their ways know
I will stand upon the shore with a clean heart and my song in the wind
The sand will sting my feet and the sky will burn
It s a lonely time ahead; I do not ask him to return; I let him go
I let him go