

Queen And The Soldier  
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To: \*  
Subject: /v/\*

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[Actually in D; capo 2.]

Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9 Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9 G  
[intro]  
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Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9  
The soldier came knocking upon the queen s door  
Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9 G  
He said, I am not fighting for you anymore  
Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9  
And the queen knew she d seen his face someplace before  
Csus2 Gsus4/B Csus9 Csus9  
And slowly she let him inside

Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9  
He said, I ve watched your palace up here on the hill  
Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9 G  
And I ve wondered who s the woman for whom we all kill  
Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9  
But I am leaving tomorrow, and you can do what you will  
Csus2 Gsus4/B Csus9 Csus9  
Only first I am asking you why

Fsus9 Fsus9 C/E C/E  
Down the long narrow hall he was led  
D7sus4 D7sus4 D7 Dm7  
Into her room with her tapestries red  
Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9  
And she never once took the crown from her head  
Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9 Csus9 Csus9 Csus9  
She asked him there to sit down

He said, I see you now and you are so very young  
But I ve seen more battles lost than I have battles won  
And I ve got this intuition says it s all for your fun  
And now will you tell me why?

Well the young queen, she fixed him with an arrogant eye

She said, You won't understand, and you may as well not try  
But her face was a child's, and he thought she would cry  
But she closed herself up like a fan

And she said, I have swallowed a secret burning thread  
It cuts me inside and often I've bled  
And he laid his hand then on the top of her head  
Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9 Csus9  
And he bowed her down to the ground

Fsus9 Fsus9 C/E C/E D7sus4 D7sus4 D7 Dm7  
[ Ooooooh and instrumental]  
Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9 Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9 Csus9  
[ Ooooooh and instrumental]

Tell me how hungry are you, how weak you must feel  
As you are living here alone and you are never revealed  
But I won't march again on your battlefield  
And he took her to the window to see

And the sun it was gold, though the sky it was grey  
And she wanted more than she ever could say  
But she knew how it frightened her and she turned away  
And would not look at his face again

He said, I want to live as an honest man  
To get all I deserve and to give all I can  
And to love a young woman whom I don't understand  
Your highness, your ways are very strange

But the crown, it had fallen, and she thought she would break  
And she stood there ashamed of the way her heart ached  
And she took him to the doorstep and she asked him to wait  
She would only be a moment inside

Am Am Fsus2 Fsus2  
Out in the distance her order was heard  
C5 Gsus4/B C5 G  
And the soldier was killed still waiting for her word  
Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9  
And while the queen went on strangling in the solitude she preferred  
C5 Gsus4/B C5 Gsus4/B  
The battle continued on

Fsus9 Fsus9 C/E C/E D7sus4 D7sus4 D7 Dm7  
[ Ooooooh and instrumental]  
Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9 Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9 Csus9  
[ Ooooooh and instrumental]

Csus9 Csus9  
 [repeat and fade]

CHORDS/TAB:

Here s how all the individual chords are played; string these together to play the whole song. The thumb plays all the notes on the 3 lowest strings (and the first and fifth notes of each measure).

(In the very last verse, most of the chords are played by plucking the chord sharply at the beginning of the measure and repeating a bass note on every eighth note of the measure; see C5 below. Toward the end of that verse, it is still sharp chords and bass notes, but the rhythm is different.)

Am:	Fsus9:	Csus9:
--0-----0-   --0-----0-	--3-----3-	--3-----3-
----1-----   --1-----	----1-----	----1-----
-----2-----   2-----2-----	-----0-----	-----0-----
-----2-----   --2-----	3-----3-----	-----0-----
0-----	-----	3-----
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Gsus4/B:	G:	C/E	C5
--3-----3-	--3-----3-	--3-----3-	3x-----
----1-----	----0-----	----1-----	1x-----
-----0-----	-----0-----	-----0-----	0x-----
-----0-----	-----	2-----2-----	-----
2-----	-----02-----	-----	3-3-3-3-3-3-
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D7sus4:	D7:	Dm7:
--3-----3-   --3-----3-	--2-----2-	--1-----0-
----1-----   --1-----	----1-----	----1-----
-----2-----   2-----2-----	-----2-----	-----2-----
0-----0-----   --0-----0-----	0-----0-----	0-----0-----
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