

**The Queen And The Soldier**  
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Intro: **Am Am Fsus9 Fsus9 Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9 G**  
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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

<b>Fsus9</b>	<b>Fsus9</b>	<b>C/E</b>	<b>C/E</b>	<b>D7sus4</b>	<b>D7sus4</b>	<b>D7</b>	<b>Dm7</b>
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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

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

<b>Fsus9</b>	<b>Fsus9</b>	<b>C/E</b>	<b>C/E</b>	<b>D7sus4</b>	<b>D7sus4</b>	<b>D7</b>	<b>Dm7</b>
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