

The Queen And The Soldier  
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Intro: G#m G#m Esus9 Esus9 Bsus9 F#sus4/B Bsus9 F#  
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G#m G#m Esus9 Esus9  
The soldier came knocking upon the queen s door  
Bsus9 F#sus4/B Bsus9 F#  
He said: I am not fighting for you anymore  
G#m G#m Esus9

Esus9  
And the queen knew she d seen his face someplace before  
Bsus2 F#sus4/B Bsus9 Bsus9  
And slowly she let him inside

G#m G#m Esus9 Esus9  
He said: I ve watched your palace up here on the hill  
Bsus9 F#sus4/B Bsus9 F#  
And I ve wondered who s the woman for whom we all kill  
G#m G#m Esus9 Esus9

But I am leaving tomorrow, and you can do what you will  
Bsus2 F#sus4/B Bsus9 Bsus9  
Only first I am asking you why

Esus9 Esus9 B/E B/E  
Down the long narrow hall he was led  
C#7sus4 C#7sus4 C#7 C#m7  
Into her room with her tapestries red  
G#m G#m Esus9 Esus9  
And she never once took the crown from her head  
Bsus9 F#sus4/B Bsus9 Bsus9 Bsus9 Bsus9  
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  
Bsus9 F#sus4/B Bsus9 Bsus9  
And he bowed her down to the ground

**Esus9 Esus9 B/E B/E C#7sus4 C#7sus4 C#7 C#m7**  
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**G#m G#m Esus9 Esus9 Bsus9 F#sus4/B Bsus9 Bsus9**  
 { 00000 }

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

**G#m G#m Esus2 Esus2**  
 Out in the distance her order was heard  
**B5 F#sus4/B B5 F#**  
 And the soldier was killed still waiting for her word  
**G#m G#m Esus9**

**Esus9**  
 And while the queen went on strangling in the solitude she preferred  
**B5 F#sus4/B B5 F#sus4/B**  
 The battle continued on

**Esus9 Esus9 B/E B/E C#7sus4 C#7sus4 C#7 C#m7**  
 { 00000 }  
**G#m G#m Esus9 Esus9 Bsus9 F#sus4/B Bsus9 Bsus9**  
 { 00000 }

**Bsus9 Bsus9**