

Waiting On A Friend  
The Rolling Stones

**B E B E** ;(intro; repeat to taste)

(don t forget to play only the **B** bass note)

(for the first beat of the first/third meas.)

**G#m E F# B**

Watchin girls go passing by It ain t the latest thing

**F# B**

I m just standin in a doorway

**F# B**

I m just trying to make some sense

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**G#m E F# B**

1. Out of these girls passing by, the tales they tell of men

**F# B**

I m not waiting on a lady

**F# B** (return to \$ for second verse)

I m just waiting on a friend

2. A smile relieves a heart that grieves,

remember what I said.

I m not waiting on a lady,

I m just waiting on a friend.

(after second verse, this bridge:)

**B**

**E**

**B**

... on a friend            I m just waiting on a friend

**E**

**B**

**E**

**B**

just waiting on a friend.            I m just waiting on a friend,

**E**

**B**

**E**

**B**

I m just waiting on a friend,            just waiting on a friend

(instrumental for 16 bars, just alternating **E** and **B**, one measure each, and  
soloing away, then return to \$ for the last two verses)

3. Don t need a whore, don t need now booze,

don t need a virgin priest.

But I need some one I can cry to,

I need someone to protect.

4. Ooh, making love and breaking hearts,

It is a game for youth.

But I m not waiting on a lady,

I m just waiting on a friend.

(repeat bridge, fade instrumental...)

This song is excellent fun to play... hope the notation is not too cryptic.

Don t forget to emphasize the C bass note in the intro and bridge...

Here s another hint to help you get that strummed melody at the beginning:

**Badd9 C#m Emaj7**

e-----0---

B-----3-3-3-3---3--1---

G-----0-0-0-0---2--2---

D-----2-2-2-2---3--3---

A-2h3---3-3-3-3-----3---

E-----

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[email&#160;protected]

>From: [email&#160;protected] (Wade Blomgren)

Subject: Re: REQ: Waiting on a Friend , Stones

In an article, [email&#160;protected] (patrick m. ryan) writes:

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>        Anyone got chords to this one?   I know the first two

> chords are **Bsus2** and F.

The first two chords are the **Bsus2** and a **C#m** that sneaks in  
for one strum before the F.

Hope this helps.

Wade Blomgren

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Waiting on a Friend (Jagger/Richards)

gleaned from the album   Tattoo You   by The Rolling Stones (1981):

Intro:

**Bsus2** (x4)   **C#m E** {repeat, with   doo doo   vocals, piano solo}

**G#m**                                **E**                                **F#**                                **B**

Watchin girls a-passin   by   It ain t the latest thing

**F#**    **B**                                **F#**    **B**

I m just standin   in a doorway   I m just tryin   to make some sense

**G#m**    **E**    **F#**    **B**

out of these girls a-passin   by...the tales they tell of men

**F#**    **B**    **F#**    **B**

I m not waitin on a lady I m just waiting on a friend

**G#m** **E** **F#** **B**  
A smile relieves the heart that bleeds remember what I said

**F#** **B** **F#** **B**  
I m not waitin on a lady I m just waiting on a friend

**Bsus2 C#m E** {repeat, sax solo followed by ad lib-ish doo doo }  
(repeat I m just waiting on a friend on **E**)

**G#m** **E** **F#** **B**  
Don t need a whore I don t need no booze - don t need a virgin priest  
**F#** **B** **F#** **B**  
But I need someone I can cry to I need someone to protect

**G#m** **E** **F#** **B**  
Makin love and breakin hearts - it is a game for youth  
**F#** **B** **F#** **B**  
but I m not waiting on a lady...I m just waitin on a friend

**Bsus2 C#m E** {repeat, more sax solo followed by ad lib doo doo }  
(just waitin on a friend)

fade

>From: [email&#160;protected] (L Angelo Misterioso)

Subject: TAB: Waiting On a Friend (Stones)

I don't know the whole song, but I know some bits. Here's the opening:

**Badd9 E**

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--0-0-0-0--1-----1-----  
--3-3-3-3--1-----1-----  
--0-0-0-0--2-----2-----  
--2-2-2-2--3--x--3--3-----  
--3-3-3-3-----2-3-  
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8 times

(I haven't figured out the verse yet)

This part is in the bridge, after I'm just standing in a doorway, and after I'm just trying to make some sense:

**Badd9 B**

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--0-0-0---0-  
--3-3-3---1-  
--0-0-0---0-  
--2-2-2---2-  
--3-3-3---3-
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I hope this is a good start. I play along with the tape, and it sounds accurate.....maybe with a couple transfusions I could figure out the rest :)

mike