

Heroin

The Velvet Underground

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Tuning: Standard EADGBE

Riff 1:	Riff 2:	Riff 3:
e -----1---1-	e -----	e ----2--1---1-
B ----2---2---	B -----4---4-	B --2-----2---
G --3-----	G -0--3---3---	G -----
D -----	D -----	D -----
A -----	A -----	A -----
E -----	E -----	E -----

(Order: 1-2-3-2)

(This song is based on the chords Db and Bb, which are played as follows)

Db	Bb
e --1-----1---	e --1-----1---
B --2-----3---	B --2-----3---
G --1-----3---	G --1-----3---
D --3-----3---	D --3-----3---
A --x-----x---	A --x-----x---
E --x-----x---	E --x-----x---

[Verse 1]

Db	Bb	Db	Bb	Db	Bb	Db	Bb
I	don t	know	just	where	I	m	going
Db	Bb	Db	Bb	Db	Bb	Db	
But	I	m	gonna	try	for	the	kingdom
							if
							I
							can
Bb		Db					
Cuz	it	makes	me	feel	like	I	m
							a
							man
Bb		Db					
When	I	put	a	spike	into	my	vein
Bb						Db	
Then,	I	tell	ya	,	things	aren	t
							quite
							the
							same
Bb		Db					
When	I	m	rushin	on	my	run	
Bb		Db					
And	I	feel	just	like	Jesus	son	

[Chorus]

Bb	Db
And	I
guess	that
I	just
don	t
know	
Bb	Db
And	I
guess	that
I	just
don	t
know	

[Verse 2]

Db Bb Db Bb Db Bb Db Bb

I have made big decisions

Db Bb Db Bb Db

I m gonna try to nullify my life

Bb Db

Cuz when the blood begins to flow

Bb Db

When it shoots up the dropper s neck

Bb Db

When I m closing in on death

(After this line, Morrison interjects with a riff B, which is to be repeated as necessary)

e		-----7---	7---	9---	7-----	
B		-----8---	8---	10--	8-----	
G		-----7---	7---	9---	7-----	
D		-----	-----	-----	-----	
A		-----	-----	-----	-----	
E		-----	-----	-----	-----	

Bb Db

And you can t help me, not you guys

Bb Db

Or all you sweet girls with all your sweet talk

Bb Db

You can all go take a walk

[Chorus]

Bb Db

And I guess I just don t know

Bb Db

And I guess that I just don t know

[Verse 3]

Db Bb Db Bb Db Bb Db Bb

I wish that I was born a thousand years ago

Db Bb Db Bb Db

I wish that I d sailed the darkened seas

Bb Db

On a great big clipper ship

Bb Db

Going from this land here to that

Bb Db Bb Db Bb

Ah, in a sailor s suit and cap

Db Bb Db

Away from the big city

Bb Db

Where a man cannot be free

Bb Db

Of all of the evils of this town

Bb Db

And of himself and those around

[Chorus]

Bb **Db**
Oh, and I guess that I just don't know
Bb **Db**
Oh, and I guess that I just don't know

[Verse 4]

Db Bb Db
Heeeeeroin
Bb Db Bb Db Bb
Be the death of me
Db Bb Db
Heeeeeroin
Bb Db
It's my wife and it's my life
Bb Db
Because a mainline to my vein
Bb Db
Leads to a center in my head
Bb Db
And then I'm better off as dead
Bb Db
Because when the smack begins to flow
Bb Db
Ah, I really don't care anymore
Bb Db
About all the jim-jims in this town
Bb Db
And all the politicians makin' busy sounds
Bb Db
And everybody puttin' everybody else down
Bb Db
And all the dead bodies piled up in Nam
Play riff B a few times
Bb Db
Cuz when the smack begins to flow
Bb Db
Then I really don't care anymore
Bb Db
Ah, when that heroin is in my blood
Bb Db
And that blood is in my head
Bb Db
Then thank god that I'm good as dead
Bb Db
And thank your god that I'm not aware
Bb Db
And thank god that I just don't care

[Chorus]

Bb Db
And I guess I just don't know
Bb Db

Ah, and I guess I just don't know

[Outro]

Db