

Honesty Is No Excuse
Thin Lizzy

Thin Lizzy - Honesty is No Excuse (1971)
Transcribed by Jon Malmin (jogusmal@hotmail.com)
Tuning: About 1/4 flat of standard E

Intro:

A (x4)

A

Up til now I used to pass my time

A7 **D** **G** **G/F**

Drinking beer so slowly, sometimes wine

Bm **Bm/A** **E** **E7**

No God, air, water or sunshine

C#m **C#m7** **F#** **F#7**

And honesty was my only excuse

Bm **Bm/A** **E**

I took your love and I used it

A

Up til now my youthful stage

A7 **D** **G** **G/F**

A useless rage, a torn out page, a worn out gauge

Bm **Bm/A** **E** **E7**

A dirty shade, a big charade, has been made

C#m **C#m7** **F#** **F#7**

And honesty was my only excuse

Bm **Bm/A** **E** **E7**

I took your love and I used it

A

C#m

Duu, duu, duu, du du duu, duu

G **Bm** **E**

Du du duu, duu

[Solo backing]:

A A A A A7 D G Gmaj7

Bm Bm/A E E7 C#m C#m7 F# F#7

Bm Bm/A E E7 A C#m G Bm

E E E E7

A

Up til now my love life

A7 **D** **G** **G/F**

A few sweet kisses, a little missus, a fork and knife

Bm **Bm/A** **E** **E7**
A happy home, a hand to hold, a land to roam

C#m **C#m7** **F#** **F#7**

And honesty was my only excuse

Bm **Bm/A** **E**
I used to take life by the hand, and I abused it

A **C#m**

Duu, duu, duu, du du duu, duu

G **Bm** **E** **E7**

Du du duu, duu

A

Up til now I used to tap dance

A7 **D** **G** **G/F**

Take a girl by the hand, saying I need your, I need your romance

Bm **Bm/A**

Oh...

E **E7**

I had me some chances

C#m **C#m7** **F#** **F#7**

And honesty was my only excuse

Bm **Bm/A** **E** **E7**

I used to take your love, and I d abuse it

A **C#m**

Duu, duu, duu, du du duu, duu

G **Bm** **E** **E7**

Du du duu, duu

A

Up til now the path of life was fair enough

A7 **D** **G** **G/F**

Was fair enough, enough was fair, all was right

Bm **Bm/A** **E** **E7**

And now I know, I see the light

C#m **C#m7** **F#** **F#7**

And honesty was my only excuse...

The song fades out from here, so you can choose to either finish the verse or end on the **F#7**, I guess... (which will sound pretty bad).

Anyway, enjoy!