Couldnt I Just Tell You
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                         Couldn t I Just Tell You

Intro:

        12-string [2X, w/bass drum 1st time, full band 2nd time]:

        (**E**)   (**B**)   (**A**)
         v   v   v   v   v   v   v   v
        -----0-------0---|-----0-------0---| (let open E and B strings ring)
        ---5-------4-----|---2-------0---0-|
-4-----4-------2-	-------2---------

        [1: bass enters]

        (B)   (A)   (E)
         v   v   v   v   v   v   v   v
        ----------------|---0-0---2---0---|
        -----0-------0---|---0-0---2---0---|
        ---4-------2-----|---1-1---2---1---|
        -4-----2-------2-|---2-2-----------|
        --------------2-|---2-2-----------|
        --------------0-|---0-0-----------|
                         ^^^^^^^^^^^ omit before bridge, before and
                                      during coda

Verse 1:

        D   D5 C#5 B
          Keep your head and everything will be cool
        (B)
        You didn t have to make me feel like a fool
             Asus2   A   Asus2   A   F#m E
        When I try to say, I feel the way that I do
        B   F#m E
        I want to talk with you
        B   E   B   A
        And make it loud and clear

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                                           B
        Though you don t care to hear, but

Chorus:

        (w/12-string as per intro)

         E                B              A
        Couldn t I just tell you the way that I feel
                  B               A      E
        I can t keep it bottled up inside
            E            B              A
        And couldn t we pretend that its no big deal
                      B              A       E
        And there s really nothing left to hide

Verse 2:

        Something sure doesn t seem right to me
        When you can turn your back whenever you please
        And you stroll away, calmly bid me adieu
        Why can t I talk with you
        And put it in your ear
        Though you don t care to hear, but

[repeat chorus]

Bridge:

          A   A#  B                   A
        (Hear me out) Why don t you lend me an ear
          A   A#  B             A
        (Hear me out) You got no reason to fear
           A   A#  B                 A         E
        (Hear me out) I ll make it perfectly clear
              F#m    A A# B
        I love you

[guitar solo over bridge chords]

[pickup into last verse]

        (B)      B C C# D
         /   /   /   /

Verse 3:

        I don t come whining with my heart on my sleeve
        I m not a coward if that s what you believe
        And I m not afraid but not ashamed if it s true
        I got to talk with you
        And then I ll make it clear
         (A)
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Make it clear
        Make it clear

[variation on intro]:

        12-string [2X, w/band 2nd time]:

        (E)   (B)   (A)
         v   v   v   v   v   v   v   v
        -0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-|-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-|
        -5-5-5-4-4-4-4-4-|-2-2-2-0-0-0-0-0-|
-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-	-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-

        (B)   (A)   (E)
         v   v   v   v   v   v   v   v
        ----------------|-0-0-0-0-2-2-0-0-|
        -0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-|-0-0-0-0-2-2-0-0-|
        -4-4-4-2-2-2-2-2-|-1-1-1-1-2-2-1-1-|
-4-4-4-2-2-2-2-2-	-2-2-2-2-----2-2-

[repeat chorus]

Coda:

[repeat intro 1X w/band; end cold (sort of - drums continue) on E]

-- another ace 70 s tab from Andrew Rogers