

Lungs

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Lungs Written and Performed by the great Townes Van Zandt

I noticed that the chords in the other version posted on UG seemed to be incorrect, though the intro was spot on. Lungs is musically very simple (the lyrics are a different story entirely!). You ll only need **Em** and **D**.

[Verse 1]

Em

Wont you lend your lungs to me

D **Em**

Mine are collapsing

Em

Plant my feet and bitterly

D

Em

Breathe up the time that s passing

D **Em** **(D)**

Breath I ll give and breath I ll take

D

Em

And pray the day s not poison

Em **D** **Em**

Stand among the ones that live

Em **D** **Em**

In lonely indecision

The rest of the verses follow the same progression with variations/ repetitions of the intro in between them.

[Verse 2]

Fingers walk the darkness down

Mind is on the midnight

Gather up the gold you ve found

You fool it s only moonlight

And if you try to take it home

Your hands ll turn to butter

Better leave this dream alone

Try to find another

[Verse 3]

Salvation sat and crossed herself

And called the devil partner

Wisdom burned upon a shelf

Who ll kill the raging cancer?
Seal the river at its mouth
Take the water prisoner
Fill the sky with screams and cries
Bathe in fiery answer

[Verse 4]

Jesus was an only son
Love his only concept
Strangers cry in foreign tongues
And dirty up the doorstep
And I for one and you for two
Ain t got the time for outside
Just keep your injured looks to you
We ll tell the world we tried