

Mother Mother
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"Mother, Mother"

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The opening riff and most of the song:

"Mother, Mother...are you listening?"

Am G#m Gm F#m, then back up strumming once at each fret. Listen to the song to get the rhythm.

I play them with barre chords, slightly muted, staying on the lower strings.

The pre-chorus part:

"When you sent me off to seek the world..."

Am Gm Fm

The chorus part:

"I m hungry...I m dirty...I m losing my mind...EVERYTHING S FINE!!!"

Not quite sure...I think it s Fm every time with a bit of distortion thrown in. Any suggestions on this part?

Overall, I think this was a pretty easy song to figure out and to play. Anyone want to figure out the tidbits of violin in the song?

[tab]Chords:

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| E A D G B E |  
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Fm | 1 3 3 1 1 1 | [ /tab ]
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F#m | 2 4 4 2 2 2 |
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Gm | 3 5 5 3 3 3 |
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G#m | 4 6 6 4 4 4 |
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[tab]Am | 5 7 7 5 5 5 |  
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Chord Shapes

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[tab]A F# G G#
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5 2 3 4[/tab]
5 2 3 4
6 3 4 5
7 4 5 6
7 4 5 6
5 2 3 4

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Intro: (All Bar Chords)

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[tab]A G# G F# F# G G#
^-9 ^-9 ^-9 ^-5 ^-3 ^-1 ^-1[/tab]

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[tab] A G#
Mother Mother How s the family?[/tab]

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[tab] G F# F# G G#
Just a phone call To say hello[/tab]

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That s the basic jist of it....play with this, and it will sound good.

[tab]It is really simple, all you do is play these chords through the verse:

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A e +-5-+ G# e +-4-+ G e +-3-+ F# e +-2-----+
b +-5-+ b +-4-+ b +-3-+ b +-2-----+
g +-6-+ g +-5-+ g +-4-+ g +-3-----+
D +-7-+ D +-6-+ D +-5-+ D +-4-----+
A +-7-+ A +-6-+ A +-5-+ A +-4-----+
E +-5-+ E +-4-+ E +-3-+ E +-2-----+[/tab]

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You play A G# G F# about 1 or 2 measures each then go back up the neck (G G# A) one measure each.

I m not sure about the chorus but I think it is just the same only distorted.

Here is how I play it:

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[tab]A G#
Mother mother how s the family?[/tab]

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[tab]G F#
I m just calling to say hello[/tab]

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[tab]A G#
How s the weather? How s my father?[/tab]

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[tab]G F#
Am I lonely? Heavens no[/tab]

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[tab]A G#
Mother mother are ya listening?[/tab]

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[tab]G F#
Just a phone call to ease your mind[/tab]

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[tab]A G#
Life is perfect never better[/tab]

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[tab]G F#
Distance making the heart grow fond[/tab]

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[tab]E D C (D)
When you sent me off to see the world [/\tab]
[tab]E D C (D)
Were you scared that I might get hurt?[/\tab]
[tab]E D C (D)
Would I try a little tobacco[/\tab]
[tab]E D C (D)
Would I keep on hiking up my skirt?[/\tab]
[tab]A
I m hungry[/\tab]
[tab]A
I m dirty[/\tab]
[tab]A
I m losing my mind[/\tab]
[tab]A G# G F#
Everything s fine![/\tab]
[tab]A
I m freezing[/\tab]
[tab]A
I m starving[/\tab]
[tab]A
I m bleeding to death[/\tab]
[tab]A G# G F#
Everything s fine![/\tab]

and so on.....