

Mother Mother
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"Mother, Mother"

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Album: The Burdens of Being Upright

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:

| **E A D G B E** |
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Fm | 1 3 3 1 1 1 |[/tab]

F#m| 2 4 4 2 2 2 |

Gm | 3 5 5 3 3 3 |

G#m| 4 6 6 4 4 4 |

[tab]Am | 5 7 7 5 5 5 |
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Chord Shapes

[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.....