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from the album Pawn Hearts (1971).

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| F | C | Dm | C |

F C Dm C
The killer lives inside me: yes, I can feel him move.

F C Dm C
Sometimes he s lightly sleeping in the quiet of his room,

G C Dm Em Dm C G
but then his eyes will rise and stare through mine;

C Dm Em Dm C Am G
he ll speak my words and slice my mind inside.

F C Dm C
Yes the killer lives

F C Dm C
Angels live inside me: I can feel them smile...

F C Dm C
Their presence strokes and soothes the tempest in my mind

G C Dm Em Dm C Gsus G
and their love can heal the wounds that I have wrought

C Dm Em Dm C Am
They watch me as I go to fall

G
-well, I know I shall be caught,

F C Dm C
while the angels live.

Adim

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-5-5-5-5-5-	-----
-4-4-4-4-4-	-----
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-5-5-5-5-5-	-6-8-5-8-4-8-

How can I be free?
How can I get help?
Am I really me?
Am I someone else?

Organ plays these chords over the riff after the vocals: (3m41s)

Cm Bdim
|-8-8-8-8-8-|-6-8-5-8-4-8-| |-8-8-8-8-8-|-6-8-5-8-4-8-|
Cm Bdim

| -8-8-8-8-8- | -6-8-5-8-4-8- | | -8-8-8-8-8- | -6-8-5-8-4-8- |
Bbm **Fm**
| -8-8-8-8-8- | -6-8-5-8-4-8- | | -8-8-8-8-8- | -6-8-5-8-4-8- |

repeat riff, slowing down
Maybe something like this on the last one:

Ao **Bb** Ao **Ab**
-8-8-8-8-8-	-6-8-5-8-4-
-7-7-7-7-7-	-6-4-7-4-
-8-8-8-8-8-	-7-5-8-5-
-7-7-7-7-7-	-8-4-7-6-
-----	-8-----6-
-----	-6-----4-

Fm9 **Dm#11**
| ----3-----3-1-----1----- | ----4-----4-1-----1----- |
| ----1-----1-1-----1----- | ----3-----3-1-----1----- |
| ----1-----1-1-----1----- | ----5-----5-1-----1----- | x2
-3-----3-----3--3--	-0-----0-----0--0--
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Fmaj9 **Dm11**
----3-----3-1-----1-----	----3-----3-1-----1-----
----1-----1-1-----1-----	----3-----3-3-----3-----
----2-----2-2-----2-----	----2-----2-2-----2-----
-3-----3-----3--3--	-0-----0-----0--0--
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Fmaj9 **Dm11**
But stalking in my cloisters hang the acolytes of gloom
Fmaj9 **Dm11**
and Death s Head throws his cloak into the corner of my room

Bb+ Bb Bbo F maj9 **Dm11**
-2--1--0--	-1--3-----3-1-----1-----	----3-----3-1-----1-----
-3--3--2--	-1--1-----1-1-----1-----	----3-----3-3-----3-----
-3--3--0--	-2--2-----2-2-----2-----	----2-----2-2-----2-----
-----	-3-----3-----3--3--	-0-----0-----0--0--
-1--1--1--	-----	-----

and I am doomed...
Fmaj9 **Dm11**

Fmaj9 **Dm11**
But laughing in my courtyard play the pranksters of my youth
Fmaj9 **Dm11**
and solemn, waiting Old Man in the gables of the roof:

Bb+ Bb Bbo Fmaj9
he tells me truth...

| **Fmaj9** | **Dm11** | | **Fmaj9** | **Dm11** |

Fmaj9	Dm11	Bb Bb+ Bb Bbo	Fmaj9
Dm11	Am	Gm	Dsus D
Csus C	Bb	A7sus A7	Dsus D
Csus C	Bb Bb+ Bb Bbo	F	

C D	D	Eb F	F	
C D	D	Eb Fm Fm Fm A	A G	FFF AbAbAb (4/4, 4/4, 5/4, 2/4)
Bb7	F			

F **C** **Dm** **C**
 And I too, live inside me and very often don t know who I am:

F **C** **Dm** **C**
 I know I m not a hero, well, I hope that I m not damned.

G **C** **Dm Em** **Dm C** **Gsus** **G**
 I m just a man, and killers, angels, all are these:

C **Dm Em** **Dm C** **Am** **G**
 Dictators, saviours, refugees in war and peace

F **C** **Dm C**
 as long as Man lives...

G **C** **Dm Em** **Dm C** **Gsus** **G**
 I m just a man, and killers, angels, all are these:

C **Dm Em** **Dm C** **Am** **G**
 Dictators, saviours, refugees

C **Dm Em** **Dm C** **Gsus** **G**
C **Dm Em** **Dm C** **Am** **G**