

Pilgrims

Van der Graaf Generator

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from the album Still Life (1976).
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Intro example:

Ebmaj7	Fmaj7	Esus
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--3-----5-----10--		
--3-----5-----9---		
--5-----7-----9---		
--6-----8-----7---		

Verse Line 6 example:

G	Fmaj7	Gm	D	Dsus
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--3-----0-----3---2-2h3h2----				
--3-----1-----3---3-----3---				
--4-----2-----3---2-----				
--5-----3-----5---0-----				

Bridge voicing examples:

Bb7	Bbdim	Adim	Bb7	Bbdim	Adim
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--10-----9-----8--					
--9-----8-----7--					
--7-----6-----5--					
--6-----5-----4--					

--6-----6-----5--					

Chorus Line 2 example:

Ab	Fm	Bb7	Eb
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--4-----4-----4---3--			
--4-----4-----3---4--			
--5-----5-----3---3--			
--6-----3-----3---5--			

Intro:

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Verse 1:

Eb

Sometimes you feel so far away,

D

distanced from all the action of the play,

Eb

unable to grasp significance,

D

marking the plot with diffident dismay,

Ebmaj7 Fmaj7 Esus

stranded at centre stage,

G Fmaj7 Gm D Dsus

scrabbling through your diary for a lost page:

Ebmaj7 Fmaj7 Esus

unsure of the dream.

Verse 2:

Eb

Kicking a stone across the beach,

D

aching for love and comfort out of reach;

Eb

the way ahead seems to be so bleak,

D

there s no-one with any friendship left to speak

Ebmaj7 Fmaj7 Esus

or show any relation

Gm Fmaj7 Gm D Dsus

between your present and future situations...

Ebmaj7 Fmaj7 Esus

lost to the dream.

Bridge:

Bb7 Bbdim Adim F# G#7 A#

Away, away, away - look to the future day

Bb7 Bbdim Adim

for hope, some form of peace

F# G#7 A#

within the growing storm.

Chorus:

Ab Gm Ab Gm

I climb through the evening, alive and believing

Ab Fm Bb7 Eb Bb

in time we shall all know our goals and so, finally, home;

Ab Gm Ab Gm

for now, all is secret - though how could I speak it,

Ab Fm Bb7 Eb

allow me the dream in my eye!

Bb Ab

I ve been waiting for such a long time

F# G# Bb

just to see it at last,

F# G# Bb

all of the hands tightly clasped,

F# G#

all of us pilgrims.

Verse 3:

Eb

Walking in silence down the coast,

D

merely to journey, here hope is the most,

Eb

merely to know there is an end;

D

all of us, lovers, brothers, sisters, friends

Ebmaj7 Fmaj7 Esus

hand in hand....

Gm Fmaj7 Gm D Dsus

Shining footprints on the wet sand

Ebmaj7 Fmaj7 Esus

lead to the dream.

Bridge 2:

Eb7 Bbdim Adim F# G#7 A#

The time has come, the tide has almost run

Bb7 Bbdim

and drained the deep:

Adim F# G#7 A#

I rise from lifelong sleep.

Chorus 2:

Ab Gm Ab

It seems such a long time I've dreamed -

Gm Ab

now, awake, I can see

Fm Bb7 Eb Bb

we are pilgrims and so must walk this road,

Ab Gm Ab Gm

unknown in our purpose, alone, but not worthless,

Ab Fm Bb7 Eb

and home ever calling us on.

Bb Ab

We've been waiting here for so long,

F# G# Bb

all of our hands joined in hope,

F# G# Bb

holding the weight on the rope -

F# G#

all of us Pilgrims.

Sax solo over Chorus chords till end.