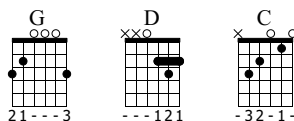


Bone of Song

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Hello Starling

Words & Music by Josh Ritter



Standard tuning

Folk Rock ♩ = 120

Intro

S-Gt

f
Capo. fret 7

1

TAB

0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
3				3				3		

5

TAB

0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
3				3				3		

10

TAB

2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

Verse 1

15

Just where it know lies I can no long- er say

TAB

0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
3				3				3		

20

T
A
B

2 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 | 2 0 0

25

I found it on a cold and No- vember day

T
A
B

0 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 0 0 0

30

In the roots of a syc- a- more

T
A
B

2 0 0 | 3 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0

35

tree where it had hid so long

T
A
B

3 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0

40

In a box made out of myr- tle lay the bone of song

T
A
B

2 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 | 2 0 0

Verse 2

45

The bone of song

T
A
B

0 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 0 0 0

50

was a jaw bone old and bruised

TAB

2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	3								3		

55

and worn out in the service of the muse

TAB

	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
3											3

60

TAB

2	0	0	0		0	0	0	2	0	0	0
				3					3		

65

and along its sides and teeth were written words

TAB

	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
3											3

70

I ran my palm along them and

TAB

2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
											3

75

I heard-

TAB

	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		0	0	0
3											3

Chorus

80 G D C C

Luck- y are you who finds me in the wil- der- ness

TAB 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 2 0 1 0 0 1 0 3 3 3

85 G D C C G

I am the on- ly un- quiet ghost that does not seek

TAB 0 0 0 0 2 3 2 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 3

90 D C C

rest

TAB 0 2 3 2 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 3 3 3

95

TAB 3 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 3 0 0 0

Verse 3

100

The words on the bone of song were close and small

TAB 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 3 3 3

105

and though their tongues

110

were dead I found I knew them all

115

in the hier- o- glyphs of quills and qua- train lines

120

125

O- si- ris- the fall of Troy and Auld Lang Syne

Chorus

G

D

130

Kath- leen Mau- vor- een Mag- nif- i-

135

C C G D C

ca Your Cheat- in' Heart

TAB

0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-2-3-2	0-1-0
3	3	3	0	3

140

C G D C C

the chords of a cov- en- ant king sing- ing for the Ark

TAB

0-1-0	0-0-0	0-2-3-2	0-1-0	0-1-0
3	3	0	3	3

Break

145

TAB

0-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-4-0-4	0-2-0-0	0-0-0-3
3				3

150

TAB

2-3	1-0	0-0	0-3	2-3
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
		3	3	

155

TAB

1-0	0-1-0-0-1-0	0-0	0-3-2
0-0	0-3	0-0	0-0
		0-3	

160

TAB

3-1	0-0	0-0	0-3-2	0-3-1
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	3	3		

165

T
A
B

Verse 4

170

Then I saw on a white space that

T
A
B

175

was left

T
A
B

180

a bless- ing writ- ten old- er than the rest

T
A
B

185

it said leave me

T
A
B

190

here I care not for wealth or fame

T
A
B

195

I'll re- mem- ber your song but I'll for- get your name

T
A
B

200

T
A
B

Chorus

G D C C G

205

the words that I sang blew off like the leaves in the wind

T
A
B

D C C G D

210

and perched like birds in the bran- ches

T
A
B

C C

215

be- fore land- ing on the bone ag- ain

T
A
B

Verse 5

220

Then the bone was quiet it said no more to me

TAB

225

so I wrapped it

TAB

230

in the ribbons of a sycamore tree

TAB

235

and as night had come I turned around and headed

TAB

240

home

TAB

245

with a lightness in my step and a song in my bones

TAB

Chorus

250

luck- y are you who finds me in

TAB

2 0 0 0	3 0 0 0	2 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 2 3 2
			3	

255

the wil- der- ness

TAB

0 1 0	0 1 0	0 0 0	0 2 3 2	0 1 0
3	3	3	0	3

260

I am the on- ly un- quiet ghost that does not seek rest

TAB

0 1 0	0 0 0	0 2 3 2	0 1 0	0 1 0
3	3	0	3	3

Outro

265

TAB

0 0 0	0 0 4 0	2 0 0 0	2 0 4 2	0 0 0
3				3

270

TAB

3 0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 0 0	0 2 0 0
		0 0	0 0 0	

275

TAB

0 0 2 0	4 2 0	2 0	
			3