

# The Figurehead

The Cure  
Pornography (1982)

Words & Music by Gallup / Smith / Tolhurst

Standard tuning

♩ = 110

**Intro**

E-Gt

T  
A  
B

w/ chorus

*f*  
let ring

T  
A  
B

Sharp and open      Leave me alone and      Sleeping less every night

**Verse 1 (0:31)**

let ring

T  
A  
B

As the days become heavier and weighted      Waiting in the cold light      A noise a scream

let ring

T  
A  
B

Tears my clothes as the Figurines tighten With spiders inside them and dust on the lips

24

let ring

TAB

Of a vision of hell I laughed in the Mirror For the

28

let ring

TAB

First time in a year

**Chorus 1 (1:06)**

31

let ring

TAB

34

let ring

TAB

37

let ring

TAB

A hundred other words  
Verse 2 (1:24)

Blind me with your

Purity

40

let ring

TAB

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

Like an old painted doll

In the

Throes of dance

43

let ring

TAB

4	3	1	0	1	3	4	3	1	0	1	0	1	3	1	3	0	3	0	3	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

I think about tomorrow

Please let me sleep

As I slip down

46

let ring

TAB

1	3	0	3	0	3	1	4	3	1	0	1	3	4	3	1	0	1	0	1	3
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

The window

Freshly squashed fly

You mean nothing

49

let ring

TAB

1	3	0	3	0	3	1	1	3	0	3	0	3	1	4	3	1	0	1	3	4
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

You mean nothing

52

let ring

TAB

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

Chorus 2 (1:59)

55

let ring

TAB

4 3 1 0 1 3 4 | 3 1 0 1 0 1 3 | 2 4 4 0 4 4 2

58

let ring

TAB

3 1 0 1 0 1 3 | 2 4 4 0 4 4 2 | 3 1 0 1 0 1 3

61

let ring

TAB

2 4 4 0 4 4 2 | 3 1 0 1 0 1 3 | 2 4 4 0 4 4 2

64

let ring

TAB

3 1 0 1 0 1 3 | 1 3 0 3 0 3 1 | 1 3 0 3 0 3 1

67

let ring

TAB

4 3 1 0 1 3 4 | 3 1 0 1 0 1 3 | 1 3 0 3 0 3 1

70

let ring

TAB

1 3 0 3 0 3 1 | 4 3 1 0 1 3 4 | 3 1 0 1 0 1 3

73

let ring

T  
A  
B

76

let ring

T  
A  
B

I can

Lose myself in  
Verse 3 (2:51)

Chinese art and

79

let ring

T  
A  
B

American girls

All the time

Lose me in the dark

82

let ring

T  
A  
B

Please do it right

Running into the night

85

let ring

T  
A  
B

88 I will lose myself Tomorrow Crimson pain my

let ring

T  
A  
B

91 Heart explodes My memory in a fire And someone will listen

let ring

T  
A  
B

94 At least for a short while **Chorus 3 (3:26)**

let ring

T  
A  
B

97

let ring

T  
A  
B

100

let ring

T  
A  
B

103

let ring

T  
A  
B

2 4 4 0 4 4 2 | 6 8 8 0 8 8 6 | 2 4 4 0 4 4 2

106

let ring

T  
A  
B

6 8 8 0 8 8 6 | 2 4 4 0 4 4 2 | 6 8 8 0 8 8 6

109

let ring

T  
A  
B

2 4 4 0 4 4 2 | 6 8 8 0 8 8 6 | 2 4 4 0 4 4 2

4:00

112

let ring

T  
A  
B

1 3 3 1 0 3 3 | 1 3 3 1 0 3 3

114

let ring

T  
A  
B

1 3 3 1 0 3 3 | 1 3 3 1 0 3 3

116 I can Never say no I can

let ring -----

TAB

1 3 3 1 0 3 3 | 1 3 3 1 0 3 3

118 Never say no To anyone but you

let ring -----

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1 3 3 1 0 3 3 | 1 3 3 1 0 3 3 | 3 1 0 1 0 1 3

121

let ring -----

TAB

1 3 0 3 0 3 1 | 1 3 0 3 0 3 1 | 4 3 1 0 1 3 4

124

let ring -----

TAB

3 1 0 1 0 1 3 | 1 3 0 3 0 3 1 | 1 3 0 3 0 3 1

127

let ring -----

TAB

4 3 1 0 1 3 4 | 3 1 0 1 0 1 3 | 1 3 0 3 0 3 1



130

let ring

T  
A  
B

133

let ring

T  
A  
B

Too many secrets      Too many lies      Writhing with hatred      Too many secrets

**Verse 4 (4:52)**

136

let ring

T  
A  
B

Please make it good      Tonight      But the same image haunts me      In sequence in despair of time

141

let ring

T  
A  
B

I will never be clean again      I touched her eyes      Pressed my stained face      I will never be cle:

146

T  
A  
B

Touched her eyes      Pressed my stained face      I will never be clean again

5:27

151

T  
A  
B

I will never be clean again

156

T  
A  
B

This block contains the musical notation for measures 156 through 161. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'I will never be clean again' are written above the staff. Below the staff are three empty guitar tab staves labeled 'T', 'A', and 'B'.

I will never be clean again

I will never be clean again

162

T  
A  
B

This block contains the musical notation for measures 162 through 167. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'I will never be clean again' are written above the staff. Below the staff are three empty guitar tab staves labeled 'T', 'A', and 'B'.

**Outro (6:01)**

168

T  
A  
B

This block contains the musical notation for measures 168 through 173, which form the 'Outro (6:01)'. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. Below the staff are three empty guitar tab staves labeled 'T', 'A', and 'B'.