

The Heart of the Matter

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Standard tuning

♩ = 83

Intro

S-Gt

T
A
B

Verse 1

9

mf I got the call to-day, that I didn't want to hear but I knew that it would *f*

T
A
B

13

mf f come an old true friend of ours, was talking on the phone she said you found me one

T
A
B

17

I thought of all the bad luck and the struggles we went through. How I - I lost me,

T
A
B

20

mp f and you lost you. What are these voices, outside love's open door. Make

T
A
B

Chorus 1

23

us throw off our contentment and beg for something more. I'm learning to

TAB

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

26

live without you now, but I miss you sometimes

TAB

(2)-3-2-0-3-3-(3)-0-2-2-2-2-0-3-3-0

29

And the more I know, the less I understand all the things I thought I knew

TAB

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

32

I'm learning again, I've been trying to get down to the heart of the matter. But

TAB

3-5-5-5-3-3-0-2-5-3-0-2-3-3-0-2-0-0-2-3-3

35

my will gets weak and my thoughts seem to scatter. But I think it's about forgiveness

TAB

5-3-3-3-3-3-0-2-0-3-0-2-5-3-2-5-3-3-3-0-2

38

ness for-giveness. Even if, even if you don't love me any-

TAB

3-0-2-5-3-3-5-3-3-3-0-3-2-0-2-3

Verse 2

42

more. Oh these times are so un-cer-tain there's

TAB: 2-0-3 | 3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3

46

a yearning un-de-fined, then people filled with rage-

TAB: 0-0-5-5-5-3-2 | 2 | 3-2-0-0 | 2-2

49

all need a little tender-ness how can love survive in such a graceless

TAB: 2-7-5-3-5-3-3 | 0-0-0-0-3 | 2 | 3-2-0-0 | 2

52

age. Oh the trust and self assurance that lead to happiness they're

TAB: 3-3 | 0-0-0-0-0-0-2 | 3-2-0-3-3-3

55

the very things we kill I guess. Oh pride and competition can-

TAB: 3-0-0-0-3 | 3-0-3-3 | 3-3-3-3-3-0-2

58

not fill these empty arms and the work I put between us. You know it doesn't keep me warm-

TAB: 3-2-0-3-3 | 0-2 | 3-2-0-3-0-3-0-2 | 3-2-0-3-2-0-2-0-3

Chorus 2

61

I'm learn-ing to live with- out you- now- , but I miss you sometin-

TAB

3-3 0-2-2 (2)-3-2-0 3-3 (3)-0 2 2-2 2-0 3-3 0

65

es. And then ore I know, the less I un-der- stand All the things I thought I'd fi-gured out,

TAB

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

2-2

68

I have to learn a- gain I've been try-ing to get down to the hear-t of the mat-ter.

TAB

3-3-3 5-5 3-3 0-2 5-3 0-2 3-3 0-2-0 3 0-2 3

71

But e-very-thing- an- ges and my fr-iends seem to scat-ter. But I think it's a- bout for-give-

TAB

2-0 3 3-3 3-3 0-2-0 0-2 2 5-3 5-3 3 3 0-2

74

ness for-give- ness. Ev-en if, ev-en if you don't love me an-y-

TAB

3 0-2 5 3-3 5 3-3 3 0 3 2-0-2-3

Bridge


78

more. There are peo-ple in your life- who- ve come and gone.

TAB

3-3 3-3-3 3-3-0 3 3-5 (5)-3 3-3 0

81




They'll let you down, you know they'll hurt you pride- . You bet- ter put it all be-hind you ba-

TAB

1-1-5-3-3-0-3-3-3-0-3-0-3-0-3-0-3-3

84




by, cause life goes on- . You keep carry- ing that an- ger it- ll eat you up in- si- de ba-

TAB

3-4-3-2-0-3-3-5-5-5-3-5-5-2-2-0-0-0-3-2-0-2-0

Half-chorus

87




by, I've been try- ing to- get down to the hear- t of the mat- ter. But my wi- ll gets

TAB

3-3-0-2-5-3-0-2-3-3-0-2-0-3-0-2-3-3-5-3-3-3

90




weak and my thoughts seem to scat-ter. But I think it's a- bout for- give- ness for- give-

TAB

3-3-0-2-0-0-2-3-5-3-5-3-3-3-0-2-3-0-2

Half-chorus

93




ness. Ev- en if, ev- en if you don't lo- ve me, I've been try- ing to- get

TAB

5-3-3-5-3-3-3-0-7-0-5-3-3-0-2-5-3-0-2

96



down to the hear- t of the mat- ter. Be- cause the flesh will get weak and the a- shes will scat-ter. So I'm th-ink- ing

TAB

3-3-0-2-0-3-0-2-3-3-5-3-3-3-3-3-3-0-2-0-3-0-2-5-3-0-2-5-3

99

a- bout for- give- ness, for- give- ness. Ev- en if, ev- en

T
A
B

3 3 0 2 3 0 2 5 3 3 5 3 3

Outro

102

if you don't love me. Eh- . Ba- by- . Mmm-

T
A
B

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

106

Ah Yeah- . Mmm-

T
A
B

2 0 3 10 (10) 2 0 3 2 0 2 0 3

109

. Ev- en if, you don't love me a- ny-

T
A
B

3 3 2 3 0 3 2 0 2 3

♩ = 66

115

T
A
B

5 7 1