

The Queen and the Soldier (Suzanne Vega) – Bm->Am (+2)

The soldier came knocking upon the queen's door
 He said, "I am not fighting for you anymore"
 And the queen knew she'd seen his face someplace before
 And slowly she let him inside

Am, Am, F, F
 C+9, G, C+9, G
 Am, Am, F
 C, G, C+9

"Tell me how hungry are you, how weak you must feel
 As you are living here alone and you are never revealed
 But I won't march again on your battlefield"
 And he took her to the window to see

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He said, "I've watched your palace up here on the hill
 And I've wondered who's the woman for whom we all kill
 But I am leaving tomorrow, and you can do what you will
 Only first I am asking you why"

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 C+9, G, C+9, G
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And the sun it was gold, though the sky it was grey
 And she wanted more than she ever could say
 But she knew how it frightened her and she turned away
 And would not look at his face again

Am, Am, F, F
 C+9, G, C+9, G
 Am, Am, F, F
 C, G, C+9

Down the long narrow hall he was led
 Into her room with her tapestries red
 And she never once took the crown from her head
 She asked him there to sit down

F, F, C9, C9
 D7s4, D7s4, D7, Dm
 Am, Am, F, F
 C, G, C+9

He said, "I want to live as an honest man
 To get all I deserve and to give all I can
 And to love a young woman whom I don't understand
 Your highness, your ways are very strange"

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 Am, Am, F, F
 C, G, C+9

He said, "I see you now and you are so very young
 But I've seen more battles lost than I have battles won
 And I've got this intuition says it's all for your fun
 And now will you tell me why?"

Am, Am, F, F
 C+9, G, C+9, G
 Am, Am, F, F
 C, G, C+9

But the crown, it had fallen, and she thought she would
 break
 And she stood there ashamed of the way her heart ached
 And she took him to the doorstep and she asked him to
 wait

Am, Am, F, F
 C+9, G, C+9, G
 Am, Am, F, F

She would only be a moment inside

C, G, C+9

Well the young queen, she fixed him with an arrogant eye
 She said, "You won't understand, and you may as well not
 try"

Am, Am, F, F
 C+9, G, C+9, G

But her face was a child's, and he thought she would cry
 But she closed herself up like a fan

Am, Am, F, F
 C, G, C+9

Out in the distance her order was heard
 And the soldier was killed still waiting for her word
 And while the queen went on strangling in the solitude she
 preferred
 The battle, .. continued on ..

Am, Am, F, F
 C, G, C, G
 Am, Am, F, F
 C, G, C, G

And she said, "I have swallowed a secret burning thread
 It cuts me inside and often I've bled"
 And he laid his hand then on the top of her head
 And he bowed her down to the ground

F, F, C9, C9
 D7s4, D7s4, D7, Dm
 Am, Am, F, F
 C, G, C+9

OoooooooooooooH
 OoooooooooooooooooH

F, F, C9, C9, D7s4, D7, Dm
 Am, Am, F, F, C+9, G, C+9

OoooooooooooooH
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[Verse]

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[Chorus]

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[Bridge]

F F C9 C9 D7sus4 D7 Dm
OooooooooooooH
Am Am F F Cadd9 G Cadd9
OooooooooooooH

[Verse]

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(play chords sharply)

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fade on Cadd9

