

The Heart of The Matter - Don Henley

Tuning: EBGDAE

Intro

D Riff	D Riff	D Riff	D Riff
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Verse 1

D	A	G	%
D	A	G	%
A	%	G	%
A	%	G	A

Chorus 1

D	Em	D	G
D	Bm	G	A
D	Em	D	G
D	Bm	G	A

Link

D Riff	D Riff
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Verse 2 (as Verse 1)

Chorus 2 (As Chorus 1)

Link 2

D	%
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Middle 8

C	G	Am	G
C	G	A	%

Chorus-to-Fade

D Riff

e|-2---2---0--2--0-3--|
B|-3---3---2--3--3-3--|
G|-2---2---3--2--2-2--|
D|-0---0---0--0--0-0--|
A|-----|
E|-----| (x4)

Verse 1

D A
I got the call today, I didn't wanna hear
G
But I knew that it would come
D A
An old true friend of ours was talkin' on the phone
G
She said you found someone
A
And I thought of all the bad luck,
And the struggles we went through
G
How I lost me and you lost you
A
What are these voices outside love's open door
G
Make us throw off our contentment
A
And beg for something more?

Chorus 1

D Em D
I've been learning to live without you now
G
But I miss you sometimes
D Bm
The more I know, the less I understand
G A
All the things I thought I knew, I'm learning again
D Bm
I've been tryin' to get down to the heart of the matter
D/F#
But my will gets weak
G
And my thoughts seem to scatter
D
But I think it's a - bout forgiveness
Bm
Forgiveness
G A D Dsus2 D Dsus2
A7sus4 (x2)
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore

Verse 2

These times are so uncertain
There's a yearning undefined
And people filled with rage
We all need a little tenderness
How can love survive in such a graceless age
And the trust and self-assurance that lead to happiness
They're the very things we kill, I guess
Pride and competition cannot fill these empty arms
And the work I put between us
You know it doesn't keep me warm

Chorus 2

I'm learning to live without you now
But I miss you, baby
The more I know, the less I understand
All the things I thought I figured out, I have to learn again
I've been tryin' to get down to the heart of the matter
But everything changes
And my friends seem to scatter
But I think it's a - bout forgiveness, Forgiveness
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore

Bridge

C G
There are people in your life who've come and gone
Am G
They let you down, you know they hurt your pride
C G
You better put it all behind you, baby; 'cause life goes on
A
You keep carryin' that anger, it'll eat you up inside, baby

Chorus 3

I've been tryin' to get down, to the heart of the matter
But my will gets weak
And my thoughts seem to scatter
But I think it's a - bout forgiveness, Forgiveness
Even if, even if you don't love me

Chorus 4

I've been tryin' to get down to the heart of the matter
Because the flesh will get weak
And the ashes will scatter
So, I'm thinkin' a - bout forgiveness, Forgiveness
Even if, even if you don't love me
(Forgiveness, forgiveness, forgiveness,
forgiveness, forgiveness, forgiveness)
Even if you don't love me anymore