

"Knockin' on Heaven's Door"

As heard on *Use Your Illusion II* (Geffen)
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Mama, take this badge from me
 I can't use it anymore
 It's getting dark, too dark to see
 Feels like I'm knockin' on heaven's door

chorus:
 Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door
 Hey, hey, hey, yeah
 Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door
 Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door

Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door
 Ay, hey, yeah

Mama, put my guns in the ground
 I can't shoot them anymore
 That cold black cloud is comin' down
 Feels like I'm knockin' on heaven's door

chorus

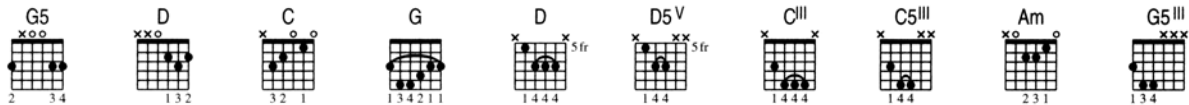
"Well, you just better start sniffin' your own rank
 subjugation, Jack, 'cause it's just you against your
 tattered libido, the bank and the mortician forever, man,
 and it wouldn't be luck if you could get out of life alive"

*Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door (12x w/vocal
 ad lib and choir)*

Whoa, oh, yeah

All guitars are tuned down one half step (low to high: **E♭ A♭ D♭ G♭ B♭ E♭**).

All notes and chords sound one half step lower than written (key of G♭).



A Intro (0:00)

Slowly ♩ = 64

G5 D C

Gtr. 1 (elec. w/clean tone and chorus)

1 let ring throughout

Guitar tablature for the first line of the intro, showing fret numbers and string numbers for G5, D, and C chords.

Guitar tablature for the second line of the intro, including a repeat sign and the instruction '*repeat previous chord'.

Guitar tablature for the third line of the intro, featuring Gtr. 3 (elec. w/dist.) and Gtr. 2 (elec. w/dist.) parts with various chord diagrams and techniques like P.M. (palm mute).

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48 G5^{III} D5 C5

H Breakdown (3:53)

Knock knock knockin’ on heaven’s door...

50 G5^{III} N.C.(D) (C) (G5) (D5) (C5)

54 G D C

Gtr. 3 w/pick and finger

Gtr. 1

57 G5 D5 C5

60 G5 D C G5 D slight P.M.

Gtr. 1

go back to chorus **C**

63 C G N.C. C5

(pick-scrape) w/pick

I (5:16)

Free time

66 C5 G5

Gtr. 4 (pick-scrape) rit.

Gtr. 3 let ring fdbk. (string noise)

Gtr. 2 rit.

pitch: A