

"WAITING ON THE WORLD TO CHANGE" JOHN MAYER

As heard on **CONTINUUM** (AWARE/COLUMBIA)
 Words and Music by **John Mayer** * Transcribed by **Jeff Perrin**

D (3 1 1 1) 7fr, D (T 3 2 1) 10fr, Bm (T 3 1 1) 7fr, G (T 3 2 1), A (T 3 2 1) 5fr, D (1 4 4 4) 5fr, Em7 (1 3 1 2) 7fr, A (1 1 1), Gm7 (1 4 1 1) 3fr, A6sus4 (1 4 1 2) 5fr

T = thumb

A Intro (0:00)

Moderately ♩ = 88 (3~3~3~)

One two One two three (four)

N.C.
 Gtr. 1 (elec. w/clean tone)
 (drums)

D

1

D Bm G D A Bm G D

Gtr. 3 plays Fill 1

*Gtr. 1

Rhy. Fig. 1

end Rhy. Fig. 1

5

*Doubled simile throughout (composite arrangement)

Gtr. 2 (acous.)

Rhy. Fig. 1a

end Rhy. Fig. 1a

Bass
 Bass Fig. 1

end Bass Fig. 1

B * Verses (0:23, 1:09)

1. Me and all my friends we're all misunderstood They say we stand for nothing and there's no way we ever could Now we see
 if we had the power to bring our neighbors home from war they would have never missed a Christmas no more ribbons on their door And when you

D Bm G D A Bm G D

Gtr. 2 plays Rhy. Fig. 1a twice (see bar 5)

Gtr. 1

9

Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 (twice see bar 5)

**report previous chord

*play repeat simile

Fill 1 (0:12)

(D) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D)

*Gtr. 3 (elec. w/overdrive)

*Keyboard arr. for gr.

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everything that's going wrong with the world and those who lead it We just feel like we don't have the means to rise above and beat it So we keep
 trust your television what you get is what you got 'cause when they own the information oh they can bend it all they want That's why we're waiting

D Bm G D A Bm G D

Gr. 1 substitutes Fill 2 second time

13

C * Chorus (0:45, 1:29, 2:39)

waiting (waiting) Waiting on the world to change We keep on waiting (waiting) Waiting on the world to change It's
 waiting (waiting) Waiting on the world to change We keep on waiting (waiting) Waiting on the world to change It's
 waiting (waiting) Waiting on the world to change We keep on waiting (waiting) Waiting on the world to change One

D Bm G D A Bm G D

Gr. 2 plays Rhy. 1a (see bar 5)

17

**play repeats simile
 Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 simile (see bar 5)*

hard to beat the system when we're standing at a distance So we keep waiting (waiting) Waiting on the world to change 2. Now
 not that we don't care we just know that the fight ain't fair So we keep on waiting (waiting) Waiting on the world to change
 day our generation is gonna rule the population So we keep on waiting (waiting) Waiting on the world to change No we keep on

D Em7 Bm Em7 A Bm G D

(3rd time) skip ahead to [E] Outro

Gr. 3 plays Fill 3 third time (see bar 40)

21

**Notes played first time only.*

D Interlude (1:50)

Gm⁷₆

**Gtrs. 1 and 2*

(play 3 times)

25

**composite arrangement: two guitars arr. for one part.*

(play 3 times)

Fill 2 (1:20)

G D

Gr. 1

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A $\frac{7}{6}$ sus4

27 P.M. P.M. Gtr. 3 (elec. w/overdrive)

E Guitar Solo (2:12)

D Bm G D A Bm G D
 Gtr. 1 plays Rhy. Fig. 1 twice simile (see bar 5)
 Gtr. 2 plays Rhy. Fig. 1a twice simile (see bar 5)
 Gtr. 3

29

Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 twice simile (see bar 5) *lower notes overdubbed

go back to **C** Chorus
 And We're still

33

F Outro (2:56)

waiting (waiting) waiting on the world to change we keep on waiting (waiting) we're waiting on the world to change waiting on the
 A Bm G D A Bm G D
 Gtr. 2 plays Rhy. Fig. 2 twice simile (see bar 23) Fill 3

37

world to change waiting on the world to change waiting on the world to change
 G D G D G D

41

Gtr. 2 (repeat previous bar)