"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
Feels like I'm knockin' on heaven's door
chorus:
Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door
Hey, hey, yeah

Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door
Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door
Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door

"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
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♭).

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**B Verses** (0:30, 1:58)

1. Mama take this...
2. Mama put my guns...

G5 D Am

Gtr. 4 plays Fill 1 second time

Gtr. 5 plays Rhy. Fig. 3 twice similar second time

Gtr. 4 (electric w/clean tone)

*play similar on 2nd verse

Gtr. 1

G6 D Am

**Chorus** (0:59, 2:27, 4:51)

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

G5 D C

Gtr. 2

Rhy. Fig. 1

Fill 1 (1:58)

Gtr. 4

G5 D

Rhy. Fill 1 (2:09)

Gtr. 1

C

Rhy. Fill 1 (2:09)

Gtr. 5

G5 D Am C

Rhy. Fig. 3 (1:58)

Gtr. 5

G5 D Am C
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**E** (2:52)  
C\[III\]

Gutar 6 (elec. w/dist.)

Guitar 4

Guitar 3  
P.M.

Guitar 3 plays Rhy. Fig. 4 three times simile (see meas. 34)

**F** 2nd Guitar Solo (2:56)

**G**5  
D5  
C5

Guitar 2 and 3 Guitar 2

GS 05 Guitar 1

**G** Interlude (3:25)

Guitar 6

Guitar 5  
D5  
C5  
G5\[III\]  
D5

Guitar 2 and 3 Guitar 2

Guitar 1

Pitch: G
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Breakdown (3:53)

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

G5 III N.C. (D) (C) (G5) (D5) (C5)

Gtr. 3

G D C

Gtr. 1

G5 D C G5 D slight P.M.

Free time

G5

C5

Gtr. 4

(pick-scrape) rit.

let ring... filth. (string noise)

pitch: A

Gtr. 3

Gtr. 2

rit.

Gtr. 3

Gtr. 2

Gtr. 4

(pick-scrape)

rit.

Gtr. 1

Gtr. 3

Gtr. 4

Gtr. 1