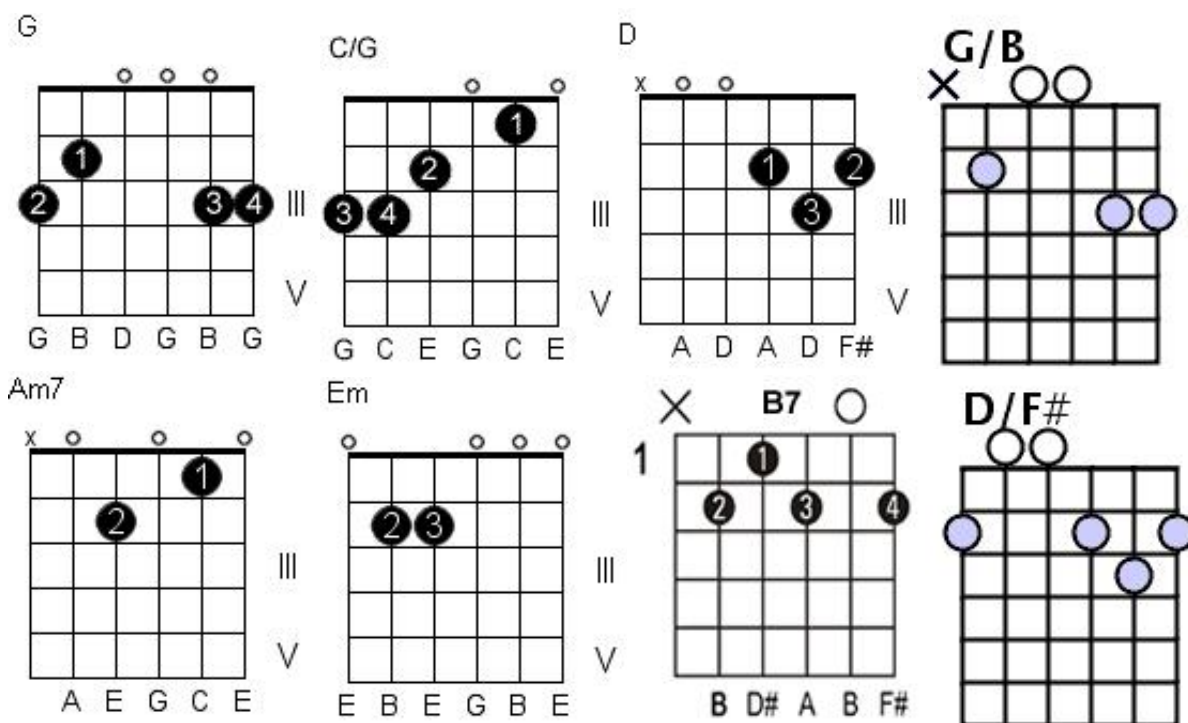


The Pretender - Jackson Browne



Pattern: D, D, D, DU

Verse 1:

G.....C/G
 I'm gonna rent myself a house in the shade of the freeway,
 G.....D
 Gonna pack my lunch in the morning, and go to work each day
 G.....C
 And when the evening rolls around,
 G.....C
 I'll go on home and lay my body down
 G.....D
 And when the morning light comes streaming in
C G/B Am7 G
 I'll get up and do it again.....Amen
C G/B Am7 G
 Say it again.... Amen

Verse 2

G
 I want to know what became of the changes,
 C/G
 We waited for love to bring
 G

Were they only the fitful dreams

.....D..... C

Of some greater awakening

G..... C

I've been aware of the time going by

GC

They say in the end it's the blink of an eye

GD

And when the morning light comes streaming in

.....C..... G/B Am7 G

You'll get up and do it again.... Amen

.....D

Caught between the longing for love

Am7.....CEm.. B7

And the struggle for the legal tender

.....C/G

Where the sirens sing and the churchbells ring

.....Em

And the junkman pounds his fender

...C..... G

Where the veterans dream of the fight,

.....B7Em

Fast asleep at the traffic light

.....A..... D/F#

And the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor

Em..... D..... C..... D

Out into the cool of the evening, strolls the pretender

.....C..... D

He knows that all his hopes and dreams

.....G

Begin and end there

CG

Ah the lovers as they run through the night

C..... Em

Leaving nothing but to choose off and fight

D7..... G..... C

And tear at the world with all their might

.....GEm

While the ships bearing their dreams

.....G D

Sail out of sight

G

I'm gonna find myself a girl,

.....C/G

Who can show me what laughter means

G..... D

Then we'll fill in the missing colors in each others

.....C

Paint by number dreams

GC

And then we'll put our dark glasses on

.....GC

And we'll make love until our strength is gone

GD

And when the morning light comes streaming in

.....C G/B Am7 G

We'll get up and do it again

.....C G/B Am7 G

Get it up again

Em.....D.....G.....Em

I'm gonna be a happy idiot, and struggle for the legal tender

B7..... C/G

Where the aides take aim, and lay their claim

.....Em

To the heart and the soul of the spender

C..... G

And believe in whatever may lie

B7..... Em

In those things that money can buy

A..... D

Though true love could have been a contender

Em..... D..... CD..... Em

Are you there, say a prayer for the pretender

.....C..... D..... G

Who started out so young and strong only to surrender

.....C.....G

Say a prayer for the pretender

.....C.....G

Are you there for the pretender

.....C.....G

Are you prepared for the pretender.....