

beatles - Across The Universe

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Subject: Across the Universe (first message may not have worked)

This is Across the universe as I believe John originally played it.

The song was sped up for inclusion on the World Wildlife Fund album (as heard on

Past Masters volume II), and then slowed down again for the Let It Be album.

When Phil Spector (producer of Let It Be) slowed the song down, he actually

brought the song down a half step; from D to roughly C#. You can play along

with the album by playing in C#, tuning your guitar down a half step and

playing in D, or using a capo on the first fret and playing in C.

Marc

Hertzberg's transcription can show you how to play it in C. Here it is in

original form...

Across The Universe
by the Beatles

Intro :

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|--2-----/10-----9--7--5-----
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|-----7---2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2-----2--
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|--2-----/11-----9--7--6-----2--4--2--4--2--4--2--4--2--4--2--4--2--
4--2--4--
|-----0-----0-----4--4--4--4--4--4--4--4--2--2--2--2--2--
2--2--2--
|-----x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--0-----0-----0--
--0-----
|-----2-----2-----2-----2-----
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D                Bm                F#m
Words are flowing out like endless rain into a paper cup
      Em7                A                A7
They slither while they pass they slip away across the Universe.
D                Bm                F#m
Pools of sorrow, waves of joy are drifting through my opened mind
Em7                Gm
Possessing and caressing me.
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D                A7sus4
Jai Guru Deva Om
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A7
Nothing's gonna change my world
G D
Nothing's gonna change my world
A7
Nothing's gonna change my world
G D
Nothing's gonna change my world

D Bm F#m Em7
Images of broken light which dance before me like a million eyes
A A7
They call me on and on across the Universe.
D Bm F#m
Thoughts meander like a restless wind inside a letterbox
Em7 A A7
They tumble blindly as they make their way across the Universe.

D A7sus4
Jai Guru De Va Om
A7
Nothing's gonna change my world
G D
Nothing's gonna change my world
A7
Nothing's gonna change my world
G D
Nothing's gonna change my world

D Bm F#m
Sounds of laughter, shades of earth are ringing through my opened
ears
Em7 Gm
Inciting and inviting me.
D Bm F#m Em7
Limitless, undying love which shines around me like a million suns
A A7
And calls me on and on across the Universe.

D A7sus4
Jai Guru Deva Om
A7
Nothing's gonna change my world
G D
Nothing's gonna change my world
A7
Nothing's gonna change my world
G D
Nothing's gonna change my world

D
Jai Guru Deva. (Repeat)

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From: hertzberg[at]netcad.enet.dec.com (Marc Hertzberg (History: Love it or leave it!))
Subject: TAB: Across The Universe (Lennon/McCartney)

Don't hold me to these words... they're only there to put some chords to!
For the authentic sound, capo at the first fret.

Marc

P.S. In case you're interested, I play the '8' note on the first string with me thumb.

Across The Universe
(Lennon/McCartney)

Intro :

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-|--0-----/8-----7--5--3-----  
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-|-----5--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--  
0--0--0--  
-|-----0--/9-----7--5--4-----0--2--0--2--0--2--0--2--0--2--0--2--0--  
2--0--2--  
-|-----2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2--0--0--0--0--0--  
0--0--0--  
-|--3-----2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2--  
2--2--2--  
-|-----8-----0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--3--3--3--3--3--  
3--3--3--
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Verse 1:

C Am Em
Words are flowing out like endless rain into a paper cup

Dm G
They slither as they fall they make their way across the universe

C Am Em
Pools of sorrow waves of joy are drifting through my open mind

Dm Fm
Inciting and inviting me

Chorus:

C G
Jai Guru Da La Om

Nothing's gonna change my world

F C
Nothing's gonna change my world

G
Nothing's gonna change my world

F C
Nothing's gonna change my world

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Tab Special Notations:

----0---- play the open string ('fret zero')
----5---- play fret five
----5~---- play fret five with vibrato
---5/7--- play fret five, slide up to fret seven
---75--- play fret seven, slide down to fret five
--8b(9)-- play fret eight, bend the string (at fret eight) to reach
 the pitch of fret nine
--b(9)8-- play fret eight already bent to the pitch of fret nine,
 unbending until it reaches the normal pitch of fret
eight
----h7--- hammer-on to fret seven
----p5--- pull-off to fret five
---/7---- slide up to fret 7 (the starting fret of the slide is
 undefined, judge by ear)
---15--- play fret 15, slide down (the ending fret of the slide is
 undefined, judge by ear)
---0h3--- play the open string and immediately hammer-on to fret
 three
---7p5--- play fret seven and immediately pull-off to fret five