

Under Pressure

Queen and David Bowie (1981)

Riff: Bass line (high G top two, low G bottom two)

A| -5-5-5-5-5-5--- | -5-5-5-5-5-5--- |
E| -----5- | -----5- |
C| -2-2-2-2-2-2--- | -2-2-2-2-2-2--- |
G| -----2- | -----2- |

Riff: Piano chords

A| ---- |
E| -3-5- |
C| -2-2- |
G| ---- |

Intro: Bass line with piano chords (x2)

[D]/[D]/[D]/[D]/
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[D] Um boom ba bay
[A] Um boom ba bay
[G] Um Um boom ba bay bay [A]

Verse 1: Strum /d---D-u---u-D-u-/

[D] Pressure, pushing [A] down on me
Pressing [G] down on you, no man ask [A] for
Under [D] pressure, that burns a [A] building down
Splits a [G] family in two, puts [A] people on streets
[D] Um ba ba bay, [A] um ba ba bay
Dee [G] day duh, ee day duh [A]

Bridge 1: Strum /d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-/

It's the [G] terror of knowing, what this [A] world is about
[G] Watching some good friend scream [A] "Let me out!"
Pray to-[G]morrow takes me [A] higher
[D] Pressure on people, people [G]↓ on the [A]↓ streets

Bass line: (x2)

A| -5-5-5-5-5-5--- | -5-5-5-5-5-5--- |
E| -----5- | -----5- |
C| -2-2-2-2-2-2--- | -2-2-2-2-2-2--- |
G| -----2- | -----2- |

[D]/[D]/[D]/[D]/

Verse 2:

[D] Chippin' around, [A] I kick my brains 'round the [G] floor
These are the days, [A] it never rains but it pours
[D] Ee do bay bup, [A] ee do bay ba bup
[G] Ee do bup, [A] bay bup
[D] People on streets, Dee da [A] dee da day
[G] People on streets, Dee da [A] dee da dee da dee da

Bridge 1: Strum /d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-/

It's the [G] terror of knowing, what this [A] world is about
[G] Watching some good friend scream [A] "Let me out!"
Pray to-[G]morrow takes me [A] higher
Pressure [D]↓on ↓ people, people [G]↓ on the [A]↓ streets

Bridge 2:

Turned a-[G]↓ way from it all, like the [C]↓ blind man
[G]↓ Sat on a fence, but it [C]↓ don't work
Keep [G] coming up with love, but it's so [C] slashed and torn

Freddy Mercury...

Why?

[F] / / / / [G] / / / / [F] / / / / [G] / / / / [F] / / / /

David Bowie...

[A] Love love love love love love love!
In-[A]sanity laughs under pressure we're cracking

Freddy Mercury...

Can't we [D] give ourselves one more [G] chance? [A]
Why can't we [D] give love that one more [G] chance? [A]
Why can't we [D] give love, give love, [G] give love, give love
[D] Give love, give love, [A] give love, give love

David Bowie...

Cause [G] love's such an [A] old fashioned [D] word and love
[A] Dares you to [G] care for the [A] people on the
[D] Edge of the [A] night and love [G] dares you to [A] change our way of
[G] Caring a-[A]bout ourselves
[G] This is our [A] last dance
[G] This is our [A] last chance
[D] This is [A] our-[G]↓selves [A]↓

Bass line: (x3)

A | -5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5- | -5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5- |
E | -----5- | -----5- |
C | -2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2- | -2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2- |
G | -----2- | -----2- |

Under [D] pressure [D]
Under [D] pressure /[G][A]/
[D] Pressure [D]/[G]↓ [A]↓

Finger snaps to fade ...

