

Peter (What I Said)

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Em7 Am G D Am7

Em7 Am
What I'm saying, friend, may surprise you
Em7 Am
Though I trust you will listen and hear
Em7 Am
I'm not out to make you angry
C Em7' Am
We both know beneath our anger lies our fear

It sounds so simple but it's so complicated
Not gentle, not just a warm feeling
Many will die in the name of peace
But war will not lead us to healing

G9 Am
And I meant what I said, Peter, put down your sword
C Em7' Am
Did you forget or did you think I was joking?
G9 Am
This is not why I'm here, Peter, not to destroy
C Em7' Am
The world is already so broken

C Em7' Am
Maybe you think I'm a fool
C Em7' Am
Maybe a fool's what I am
C Em7' Am
Maybe I will die for nothing
C Em7' Am
And nothing will change in the end
Em Am G9 D Am7

2 Yes, I'm scared and I'm angry
That we live in this occupied land
Where the Romans can kill us at random
But the Romans do not rule my hands

There are so many lives on the line here
This is not some philosopher's game
But if you draw your sword Peter
You may not raise that sword in my name

3 God bless the children of Abraham
God bless the Romans who reign
God bless the peacemakers and the warriors
Who each think the other insane

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Did you forget or did you think I was joking?

This one's not hard as the chords go, nor is the fingerpicking too challenging. I do it as a two finger picking thing - just the thumb and first finger. Do it in free time and allow it to breathe. Give people time to think about the words.

The G9 and the G are pretty interchangeable. Do it as it feels right. The two Em7s are not so different either, but the prime (') is there to indicate that it's a walk-down from the C to the Em, so only the A(5) & B(2) strings really matter.

Thanks for playing my songs,

