

songs of water / songs of war

SingAlong Songbook

Don't Look Away

Brother

A Plea to Our Parents
(at the end of the day)

Negligent

Thirsty

Just Fine



Notes:



“c’mon...sing along!”

It’s been called the folk process. Songs can move and change and evolve. People teach them on porches or at festivals. WE are the music.

The “sheet music” that I create isn’t perfect...it’s not exact, it doesn’t have all the little pieces of each song & it isn’t even the way I play it. But, here are some rough sketches of the music that was recorded for my “songs of water/songs of war” project for you to enjoy and make your own.

This booklet is dedicated to Carl Schwartz-the Maven in the Yankees Cap-who always sang along.

Peace,

Emma Graves
March 2008

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don't look away

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Em D Em Em
Our rescue raft is drifting towards the thunder,

Em D B B
And the fog is swiftly lifting off the bay.

G D C C
And I don't know how we keep from going under...

Em D Em Em
Death is just one gasp of breath away.

Mary had a little baby.
Mammie had a little Lamb.
Born and baptized freed from slavery.
Shorn and slaughtered by our hands.

D D Em Em
His mother showed us where they shot him:

D D Em Em
Bloated broken human hate.

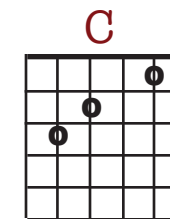
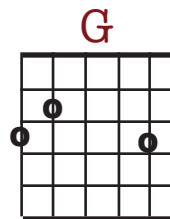
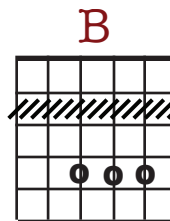
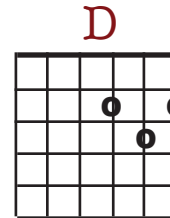
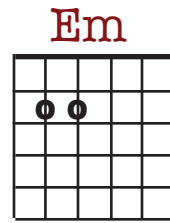
Em D C C
Peer over the open coffin

B B
See yourself in that child's face.

B - A - G - F#
(walk down) Em Em
Don't look away.

Em (G) Em

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Verse 2:

Our rescue raft is drifting towards the thunder
And the fog is swiftly lifting off the bay.
And I don't know how we keep from going under...
Death is just one gasp of breath away.

The gentle wind became a roarer;
Wailing now for nearly 50 years.
The rain poured o'er the poorer quarters.
We turned and covered up our ears.

History gets whitewashed by the winners
But, blood is thinly veiled by paint.
Scratch the surface, find the mirror,
And stare the guilty in the face.
Don't look away.

Inst:

Em / D / Em / Em

Em / D / B / B

G / D / C / C

Em / D / Em / Em



Verse 3:

Our rescue raft is drifting towards the thunder
And the fog is swiftly lifting off the bay.
And I don't know how we keep from going under...
Death is just one gasp of breath away.

Come people gather to the river.
Don't look away as history floats by.
Embrace your mother and forgive her...
Open your heart open your eyes.
Don't look away.

Em vamp (6 bars)

tag:

Do you live a life of wonder?
Or do you wonder why you live?
Here, in the light before the thunder,
It's time we best start paddling.

brother

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A

Listen to me, brother, they're not telling you the truth

E(7)

Using freedom as a cover they parade around your school

CHORUS

A

F#m

Promising a brighter future they want you to think its cool

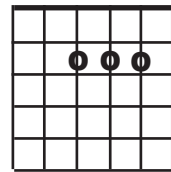
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Now I know you're smarter than that!

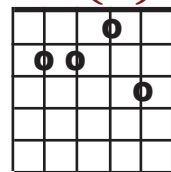
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Vs 1:

Let's just say you sign the paper and you're off to fight the war
You've got no chance to consider what it is you're fighting for
If you want to do some traveling check out the peace corps
And there's more options than that

E(7)

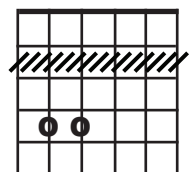


CHORUS

Vs 2:

Read about their tactics torture ridicule and shame
Don't just go into it factless. You're contracted with your name.
'Cause they're borrowing your body and they're buying out your brain.
Will it be intact if you get it back?

F#m



CHORUS

F#m

Camouflage and boots / gutter chic or high-fallutin'

A

Selling style to the youth--USA brand is recruitin'

Bridge:

F#m

More expensive than high fashion more destructive more pollutin'

E

Now I know you're smarter than that!

INSTRUMENTAL CHORUS

Vs 3:

Listen to me mothers they are in your children's school
Using freedom as a cover using teachers as their tools
If your children follow blindly they're the fodder for the fools

A

E7

A

A/c

E7

A

Let's teach them better than that!

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Listen to me, Brother, They're not telling you the truth.. Using

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Freedom as a cover they pa- rade around your school. Promis-

A

bounce

F#m

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A

E7

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know you're smarter than that!

Notes: I find it easiest to bar an "A" chord and use my other fingers to pick out the rest of the notes for most of this tune. Also, at the end of each verse, the A holds and moves to the E7. The last line of the song is held out and walks down from the E7 to the A.

a plea to our parents (at the end of the day)

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A Dsus2 A

Forests to ashes and cities to dust,

A A D E

The sins of our forefathers return to us.

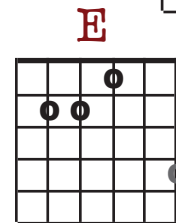
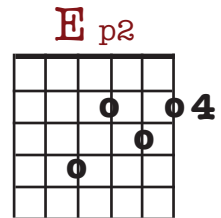
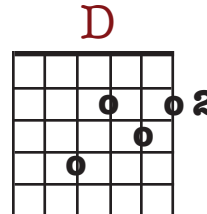
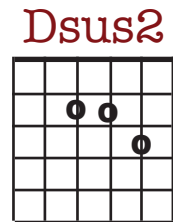
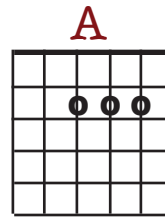
A E D A

You worship your profits I pray before bed:

A A Dsus2 A

Please give us the gold of the sunset instead.

A A Dsus2 A
Give us the gold of the sunset instead.



How much have you saved at the end of the day,
At the end of the day, tell me, what have you saved?

You're working through dinner

You worry all night

We'd ask for your time but resources are tight

It's a plea to our parents and all those who care for us

It's not the things but your presence you share with us

It's not the things but the presence you share

How much have you saved at the end of the day,
At the end of the day, tell me, what have you saved?

You teach us the ways of desire and greed

As we watch you hoarding much more than you need

But let us breathe clean air and we will give thanks

For giving us green in the trees, not the banks

Please give us the green in the trees—not the bank.

How much have you saved at the end of the day,
At the end of the day, tell me, what have you saved?

INSTRUMENTAL

We're blessed with life. We're blessed with birth.

Now, look at your life—tell me, what is it worth?

Peaceful and healthy from cradle to grave

Now, look at your wealth—think of how much you'll save

At the end of the day.

At the end of the day—tell me—what have you saved?

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I spent the money anyway

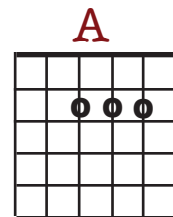
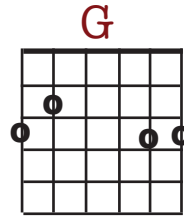
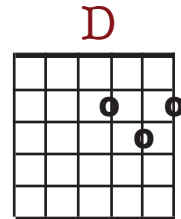
G A D
On panty-sets and high-heeled shoes.

D G D
Was I being negligent

D A D
Staying home in negligee?

D G D
No matter where the hours went

G A D
I barely covered my fanny either way.



(Instrumental 1st 2 lines of verse)

Vs2

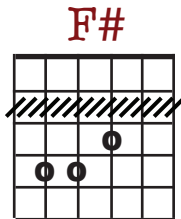
I left home 50 minutes late
And asked myself what was the use
I turned around and closed the gate
Then crawled back into bed with you.

Vs3

Called the office, sniffed twice
And told the boss must be the flu.
F# G
You rolled over and said "it's nice
to stay at home in bed with you."

Chorus

Instrumental (F#m-G)



Coffee simmers on the stove.

We bide the afternoon away.
F#m G
Amazing how the hours go...

Stayin'at home in negligee.

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negligent - Guitar TABs

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	pick-up	D	G	D
e		2		2
B		3		3
G		2		2
D		0	0	
A	0 - 2 - 0	0	2 - 4	0 - 2 - 0
E		2		
	& 4 &	1 2 3 4		

D	A/G	D
2	3-2	2
3	2-2	3
2	2-2	2
0	2-2	0
0	0	0 - 2 - 0
3		

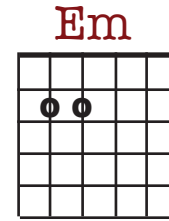
D	G
2	2
3	3
2	2
0	0
0	2 - 4
2	

G	A	D
3		2
3	0 - 2	3
↓	2	2
	2	
2		(0 - 2 - 0)
3		

thirsty

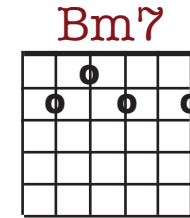
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Em Bm7 Em Bm7
 They're digging and they're drilling holes in the Middle East:
Em Bm7 Em Bm7 Em
 Searching underneath the earth for something that we need.



For daily life, it's in our homes. Without it we'd be dead.

No, it's not oil under the soil. It's called the watershed.



CHORUS

Em
 Think your water bottle's gonna save you from the drought?

G Em
 You're gonna be thirsty when the water runs out...

Echo Instrumental

vs 2

We pour prescriptions down the drain after they've gone bad,
 But we consume those drugs again in rainbow trout and shad.
 We poison our own watershed, perform a 3rd world heist,
 And we sell their water back to them but who's paying the price?

CHORUS Echo Instrumental

vs3

Around the world there's poverty, drought and turmoil
 So, we send them GM seeds we've manufactured from our soil.
 And the soy is leaching nutrients; the countries are in debt to us,
 The people still are starving and the seeds aren't getting wet enough...

Em (Hold 4 Beats)

The answer is so simple; if we look we'll surely find it:
 Let the people save the seeds more suited to their climate!

Instrumental (ch x2)

vs4

That bottle doesn't guarantee with some magical powers
 That it's better than the stuff you got dripping from your shower.
 Yet, we bottle it in plastic leaching hormones in our drinks
 when we should demand a better water coming from our sinks.

Echo Instrumental CHORUS

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CHORUS

Em

e				
B				
G				
D	2—0—2—4	2—0—0	2—0—2—4	2—0
A	2—2—2—2	2—0—2—2	2—2—2—2	2—0
E				

Think your water bottle's gonna save you from the drought?

G Em

2—0—2—4	2—0—0	2—	2—
2—2—2—2	2—2—2—0	2— 2—	2—
		3—	0—

you're gonna be thirsty when the water runs out.

Echo Instrumental

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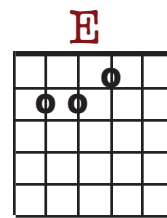
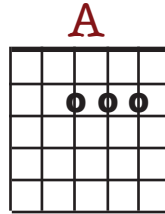
The guitar line follows the melody of the chorus and then repeats it between each time-- except the last time when the instrumental melody comes first and then the songs finishes with one last chorus (of course)

This music is in the key of Em. To play along with "Thirsty" on **songs of water/songs of war**, capo at the 2nd fret to be in the key of F#m.

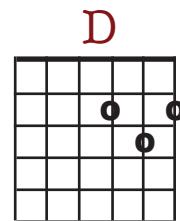
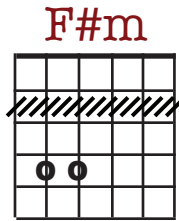
just fine

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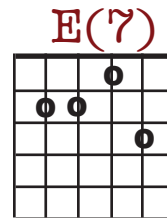
A E F#m D A E
 Someday you will forgive all my mistakes
 F#m D A E
 The love that I gave you was misplaced,
 F#m D A
 but it's gonna work out just fine E...



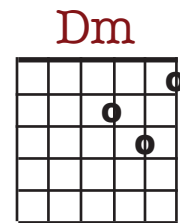
Maybe, if I try to keep what you gave me
 the battle before us will save me
 And its gonna work itself out just fine
 Its gonna work out just fine



Hold on, I just need a dream to grow old on
 I haven't a thing that I'm sold on
 But it's gonna work itself out
 Just fine
 It's gonna work itself...



D E7
 Out on a ledge with my back to the wind
 A F#m
 And the windows too small I don't think I'll get in
 D Dm
 And my lungs gasp for air as the oxygen thins
 E
 Still I reach for the moon again and again
 (E7)
 And again. ◡



Someday I will forgive all these mistakes
 And we'll quit this nuclear arms race
 And it's gonna work itself out just fine
 Its gonna work itself out in time

Its gonna work out just fine... D E (E7) A

just fine - guitar TABs

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Verses: go round and round

	D			A			Bm			G		
e	2			2 ^h	3 ^p	2	0	2	↑	↓	↑	3
B	3			2	3	2	0	3				3
G	2			2			0	4				
D				2			0	4				(5-4-2)
A	slide							2				2
E								2				3
	1	2	3	1 & 2	3			1	(2)	3)		1 2 3

G	Bridge			A			D						
3	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	2	↓	↑	2	↑	↓	↑
3							2	↓			2	↓	
							2		2				
				2			0						
3													0

	Bm			G								
	2	↑	↓	↑	3	↑	↓	↑	3	↑	↓	↑
	3				3				3			
	4	↓			4	↓			4	↓		
4	2	0		4	2	0						0
	2								3			2

Gm	A													
3	↓	↑	3	↓	↑	2	↓	↑	2	↓	↑	2	↓	↑
3			3			2			2			2		
						2			2			2		
1			0			2			0			2		

○ Hold, Then return to verse

	↑		
		↓	
		0	
4			

END:

G A A(7) D

NOTES:

This TAB is in the Key of D. To play along with Emma (in the key of A), capo at the 7th fret.

The arrows may give you an idea of a way to strum the chords with the notes... or they may just confuse you....hmmmm



Peace.