

Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood

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Key: Am • Time: 4/4

INTRO

[Am] [F] [E7] [Am]

VERSE 1

[Am] Baby, you understand me [F] now
If sometimes you see that I'm [E7] mad
[Am] Don't you know that no one alive
Can always be an [F] angel
When everything goes [E7] wrong, you see some [Am] bad

CHORUS

But I'm just a [Dm] soul whose intentions are [Am] good
Oh [E7] Lord, please don't let me be [Am] misunderstood

VERSE 2

[Am] You know sometimes, baby, I'm [F] so carefree
With a joy that's hard to [E7] hide
[Am] Then sometimes again it seems
All I have is [F] worry
And then you're bound to [E7] see my other [Am] side

CHORUS

'Cause I'm just a [Dm] soul whose intentions are [Am] good
Oh [E7] Lord, please don't let me be [Am] misunderstood

BRIDGE

If I [F] seem edgy, I [G] want you to know
That I [C] never mean to take it out on [E7] you
Life has its [F] problems, and I get my [G] share
But that's one thing I [E7] never mean to do
'Cause I [Am] love you

VERSE 3

[Am] Oh, baby, I'm just [F] human
I've got thoughts like any [E7] other one

[Am] Sometimes I find myself
Lord, regretting **[F]**
Some foolish thing, some **[E7]** little simple thing I've **[Am]** done

CHORUS

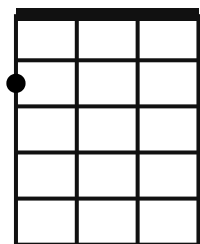
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Oh **[E7]** Lord, please don't let me be **[Am]** misunderstood

OUTRO

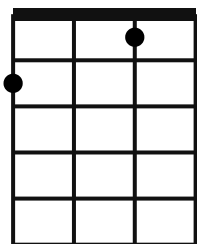
[Am] **[F]** **[E7]** **[Am]** fade out

Ukulele Tips: Keep it slow and soulful — a lazy D DU UDU works perfectly.
Use [Am] 2000, [F] 2010, [E7] 1202, [Dm] 2210, [G] 0232, [C] 0003.
Let the [E7] hang for tension before resolving back to [Am].
Add dynamics: soft on verses, fuller strum on the choruses to make it breathe.

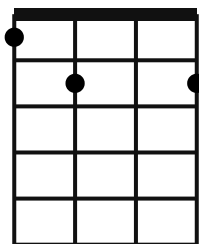
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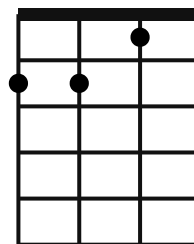
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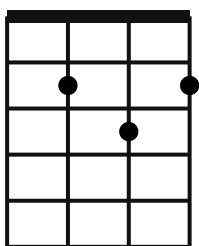
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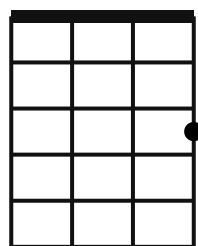
E7



Dm



G



C