

Last Year's Man  
written by Leonard Cohen

Tuning: Eb Bb Gb Db Ab Eb (standard, half step down)

B G#m  
The rain falls down on last year's man  
A  
That's a jew's harp on the table  
E  
That's a crayon in his hand  
B G#m  
And the corners of the blueprint are ruined since they rolled  
A  
Far past the stems of thumbtacks  
E  
That still throw shadows on the wood  
A F# B F#  
And the skylight is like skin for a drum I'll never mend  
B G#m  
And all the rain falls down, amen  
A E  
On the works of last year's man

I met a lady, she was playing with her soldiers in the dark  
Oh one by one she had to tell them  
That her name was Joan of Arc  
I was in that army, yes I stayed a little while  
I want to thank you, Joan of Arc  
For treating me so well  
And though I wear a uniform I was not born to fight  
All these wounded boys you lie beside  
Goodnight, my friends, goodnight

I came upon a wedding that old families had contrived  
Bethlehem the bridegroom  
Babylon the bride  
Great Babylon was naked, oh she stood there trembling for me  
And Bethlehem inflamed us both  
Like the shy one at some orgy  
And when we fell together all our flesh was like a veil  
That I had to draw aside to see  
The serpent eat its tail

Some women wait for Jesus, and some women wait for Cain  
So I hang upon my altar  
And I hoist my axe again  
And I take the one who finds me back to where it all began  
When Jesus was the honeymoon  
And Cain was just the man  
And we read from pleasant Bibles that are bound in blood and skin  
That the wilderness is gathering  
All its children back again

The rain falls down on last year's man  
An hour has gone by  
And he has not moved his hand  
But everything will happen if he only gives the word  
The lovers will rise up  
And the mountains touch the ground  
But the skylight is like skin for a drum I'll never mend  
And all the rain falls down, amen  
On the works of last year's man

1st verse:

B

E : | . . . . . | . . . . . :  
 B : --4----- :  
 Gb: --4----- :  
 Db: --4----- :  
 A : --2----- :  
 E : ----- :

G#m  
 E : | . . . . . | . . . . . :  
 B : --4----- :  
 Gb: --4----- :  
 Db: --6----- :  
 A : ----- :  
 E : --4----- :

A  
 E : | . . . . . | . . . . . :  
 B : --2----- :  
 Gb: --2----- :  
 Db: --2----- :  
 A : --0----- :  
 E : ----- :

E  
 E : | . . . . . | . . . . . :  
 B : --0----- :  
 Gb: --1----- :  
 Db: --2----- :  
 A : ----- :  
 E : --0----- :

B  
 E : | . . . . . | . . . . . :  
 B : --4----- :  
 Gb: --4----- :  
 Db: --4----- :  
 A : --2----- :  
 E : ----- :

G#m  
 E : | . . . . . | . . . . . :  
 B : --4----- :  
 Gb: --4----- :  
 Db: --6----- :  
 A : ----- :  
 E : --4----- :

A  
 E : | . . . . . | . . . . . :  
 B : --2----- :  
 Gb: --2----- :  
 Db: --2----- :  
 A : --0----- :  
 E : ----- :

E  
 E : | . . . . . | . . . . . :  
 B : --0----- :  
 Gb: --1----- :  
 Db: --2----- :



**A**

```

E :-----| . . . . . | . . . . . :
B :-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----:
Gb:-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----:
Db:-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----:
A  :--0-----0-----0-----0-----:
E  :-----:
    
```

**E**

```

E :-----| . . . . . | . . . . . 0--0---:
B :-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----:
Gb:-----1--1-----1--1-----1--1-----1--1-----:
Db:-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----:
A  :-----:
E  :--0-----0-----0-----0-----:
    
```

**B**

```

E :-----| . . . . . | . . . . . :
B :-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----:
Gb:-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----:
Db:-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----0--:
A  :--2-----2-----2-----2-----:
E  :-----:
    
```

**G#m**

```

E :-----| . . . . . | . . . . . :
B :-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----:
Gb:-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----4--4-----:
Db:-----6--6-----6--6-----6--6-----6--6-----0--:
A  :-----:
E  :--4-----4-----4-----4-----:
    
```

**A**

```

E :-----| . . . . . | . . . . . :
B :-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----:
Gb:-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----:
Db:-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----0--:
A  :--0-----0-----0-----0-----:
E  :-----:
    
```

**E**

```

E :-----| . . . . . | . . . . . :
B :-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----:
Gb:-----1--1-----1--1-----1--1-----1--1-----:
Db:-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----0--:
A  :-----:
E  :--0-----0-----0-----0-----:
    
```

**A** **F#**

```

E :-----| . . . . . | . . . . . :
B :-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----2--2-----:
Gb:-----2--2-----2--2-----3--3-----3--3-----:
Db:-----2--2-----2--2-----4--4-----4--4-----4--:
A  :--0-----0-----4-----:
E  :-----2-----:
    
```

**B** **F#**

```

E :-----| . . . . . | . . . . . :
B :-----4--4-----4--4-----2--2-----2--2-----:
Gb:-----4--4-----4--4-----3--3-----3--3-----:
    
```

